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THE BLUDGEONING BEAST!™

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"MUTANTS! SURE, THAT'S WHAT WE X-MEN WERE, AND MANKIND DESPISED US FOR OUR SUPERIORITY, BECAUSE WE WERE--THE UNKNOWN!

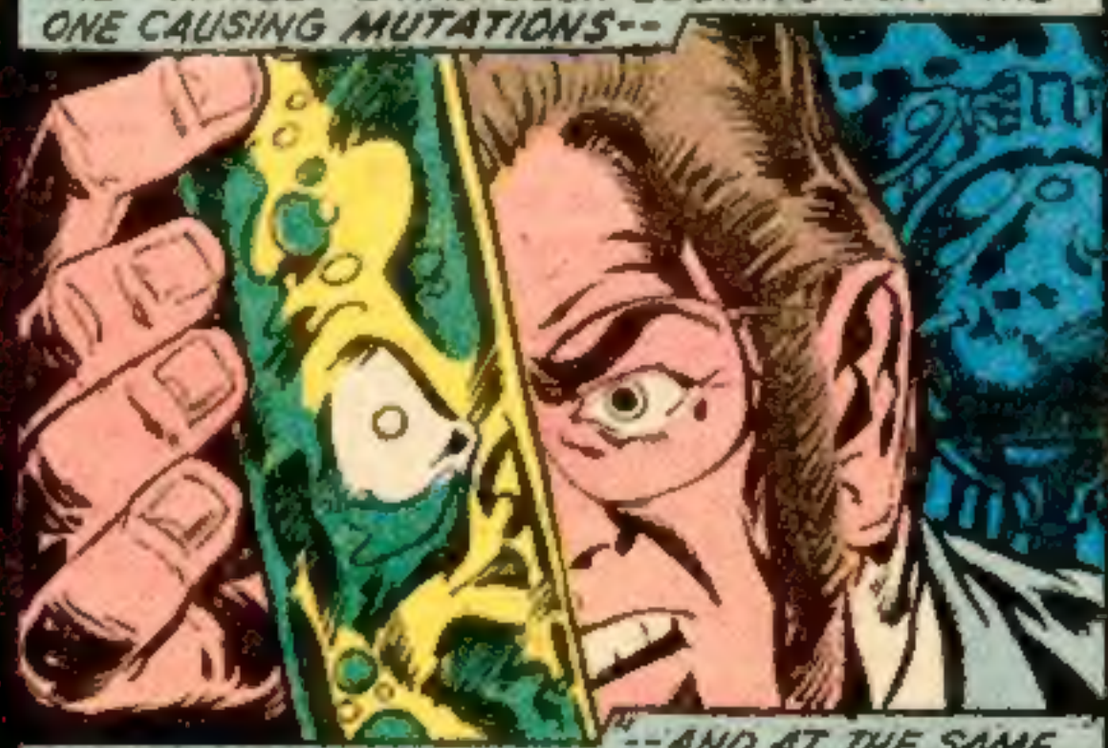
"STILL WE WERE LIKE A HAPPY FAMILY WHENEVER WE WERE TOGETHER. I FELT REALLY SAD THE DAY I LEFT THEM--

"--AND CAME TO THIS THINK TANK IN MY ALTER EGO TO STUDY THE CHEMICAL CAUSES OF MY FATE--MUTATION.

"AT FIRST IT WENT GREAT! I LOVED MY WORK, AND I LOV--LIKED LINDA, THE GIRL ASSIGNED TO ASSIST ME.

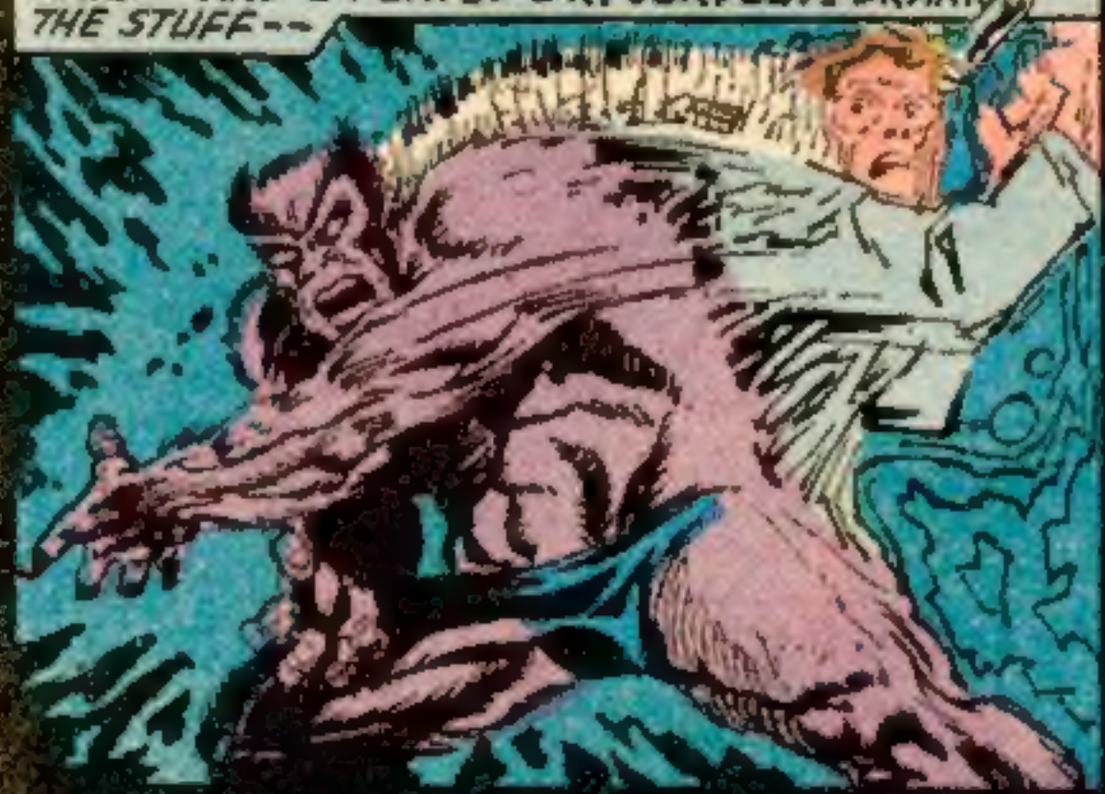
"I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS LEAVING BEHIND MY INSECURITIES, MY HANG-UPS, AND BECOMING A MAN AT LAST.

"BUT THEN, EARLIER TONIGHT, I FINALLY FOUND THE FORMULA I HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR--THE ONE CAUSING MUTATIONS--



"--AND AT THE SAME TIME I STUMBLED ON A SPY RING IN THE PLANT,

"A SNAP DECISION--TO DISGUISE MYSELF BY MUTATING MY ALREADY-MUTANT FORM TEMPORARILY--AND I PLAYED DR. JEKYLL. I DRANK THE STUFF--



"AND I BECAME A REAL BEAST--

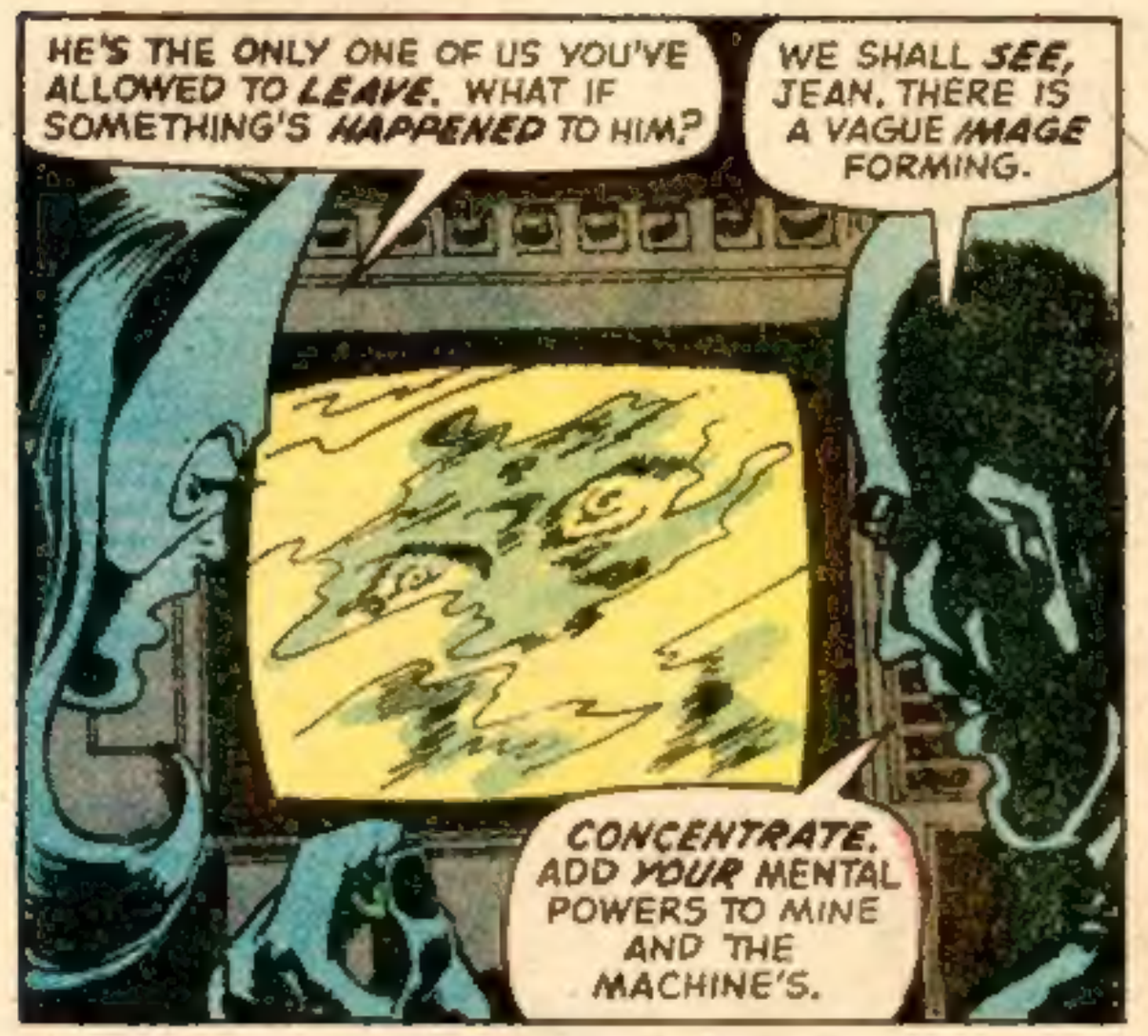
--ABLE TO EASILY OVERCOME THE SPIES...! BUT THE PLANT GUARDS COULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE I WAS SO GROTESQUE. THEY FOUGHT ME. I HAD TO RUN--"

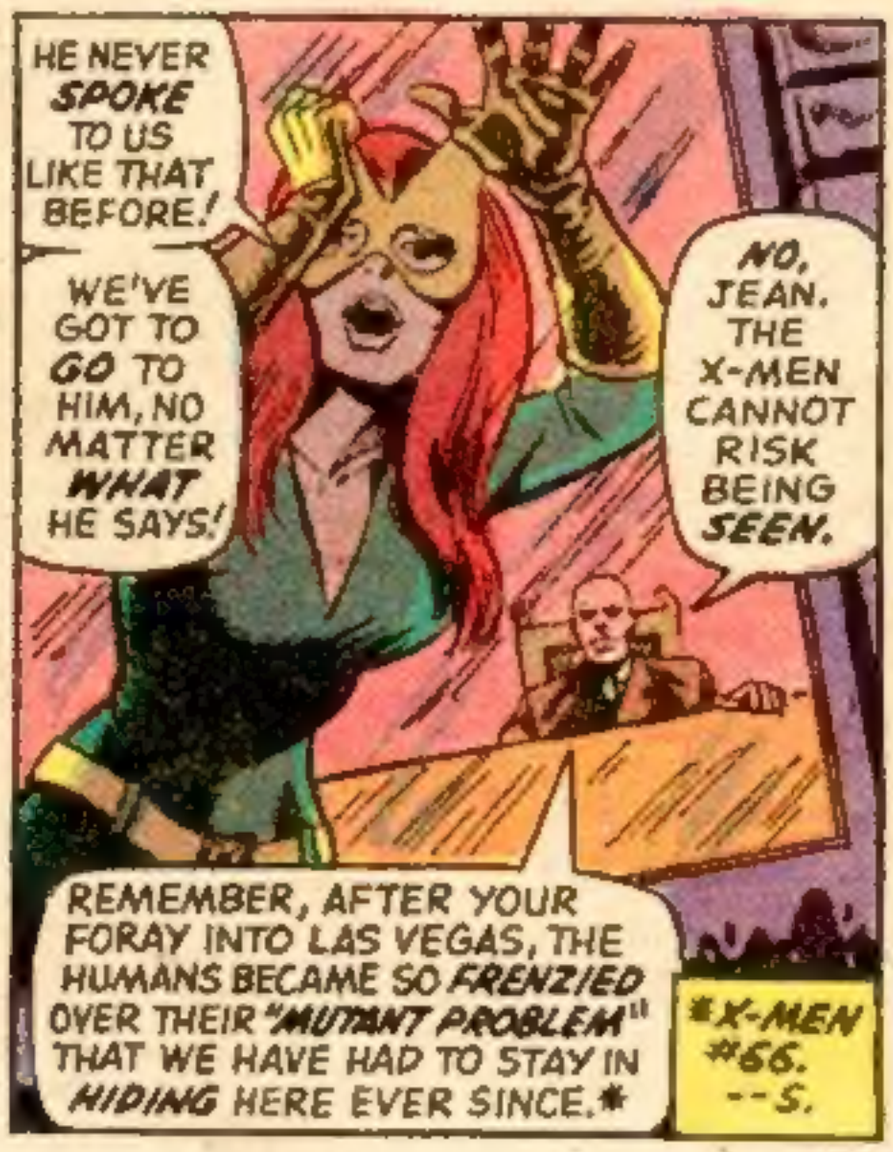
--AND NOW--

--I CAN'T--

--CHANGE--

--BACK!





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NOW, JUST A **SECOND**, HANK-- NONE OF THIS DOWN-IN-THE-MOUTH STUFF.

YOU'VE GOT A **JOB** TO DO--BUILDING A NEW **LIFE!** YOU **HAVE** TO KEEP LIVING! AND YOU CAN **DO** IT.

BRAND CORPORATION

BUT **NOW?** HOW CAN I **EXPLAIN** TO OTHERS WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?

ANSWER: I **CAN'T.** THEY MUST WANT ME FOR ATTEMPTED **MURDER** NOW, AND I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT HUMANS DO TO **ANYONE** WHO IS-- **DIFFERENT!**

I'LL HAVE TO COVER UP... I'LL HAVE TO **DISGUISE** MYSELF!

SURE! I'LL HAVE TO LOOK LIKE **HANK McCOY,** IN ORDER TO GET TO MY LAB AND FIND A **CURE...**

IT'LL BE THE CRAZIEST, **RISKIEST** GAME I EVER PLAYED, AND IF I MAKE JUST **ONE** SLIP--

NO TRESPASSING! BRAND CORPORATION

--IT'LL BE ALL **OVER** FOR ME!

PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEEM TO HAVE LEFT MY LIBRARY CARD IN MY OTHER SUIT. HOPE NOBODY **NEEDS** THESE MAKE-UP MANUALS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS...

AHH, **HERE** IT IS--A LIST OF THE **MATERIALS** I'LL NEED...

THE ART OF MAKE-UP

...AND A COSTUME SHOP SUPPLIES THE **SUPPLIES!**

THE COSTUME

FUNNY--I DON'T FEEL LIKE USING ALL THOSE **BIG WORDS** ANY MORE. IF IT WEREN'T **INSANE,** I'D SAY I FEEL **MORE** SECURE NOW THAN I DID AS AN X-MAN.

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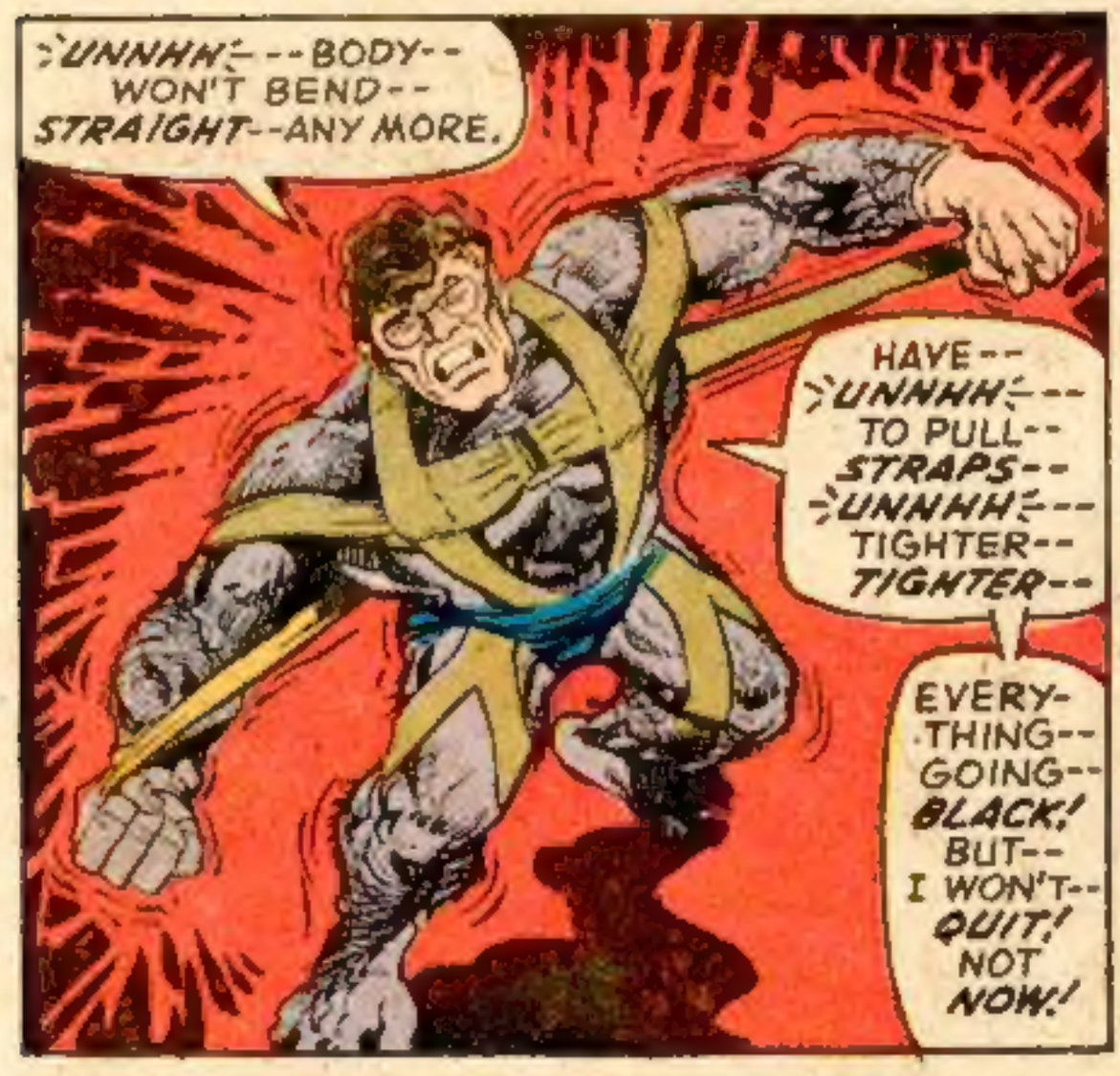
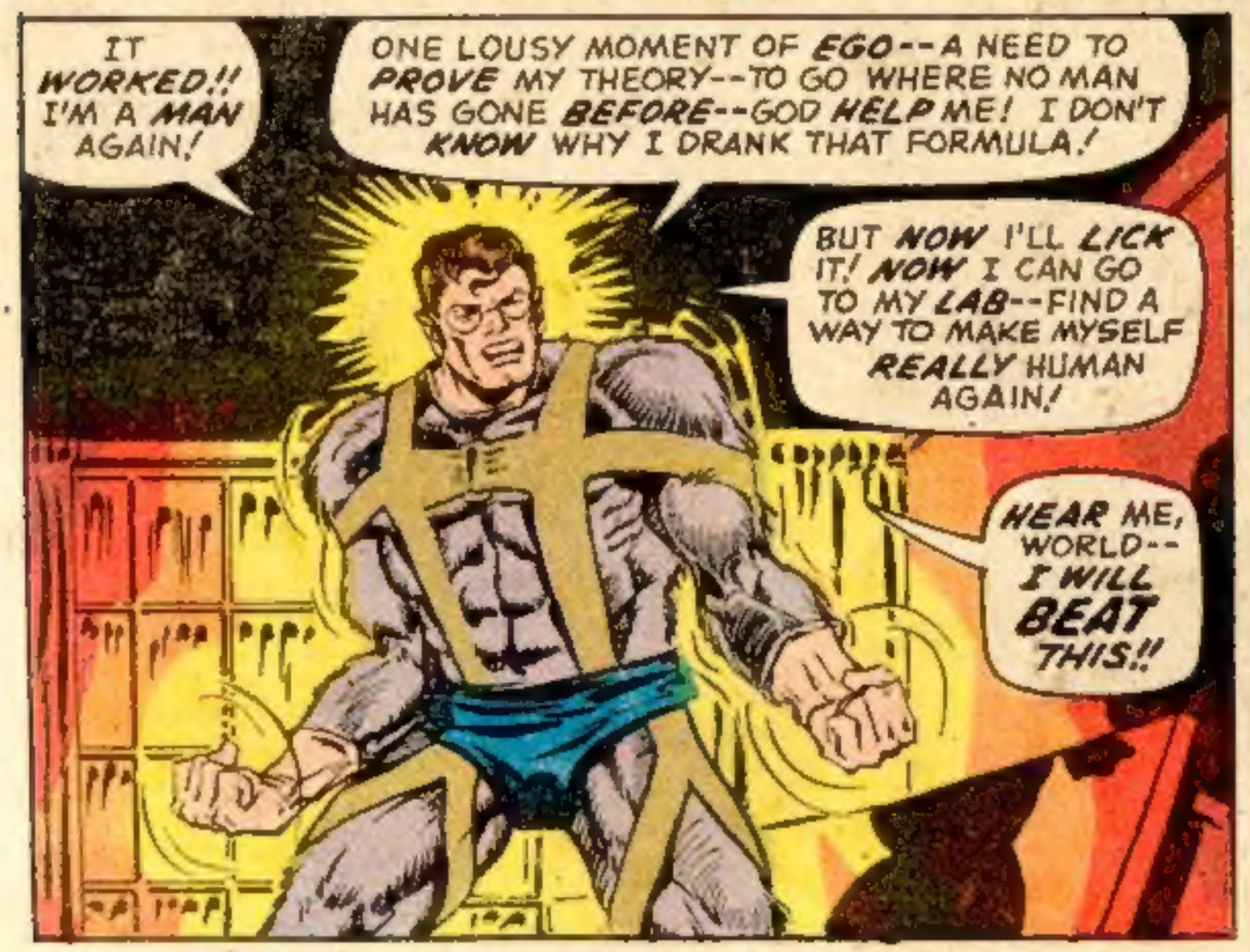
--AND I'M PART-WAY HOME.
ONLY TROUBLE IS, ALL THOSE HOURS OF STRAIN HAVE JUST MADE ME LOOK MORE GROTESQUE. ALL OF IT WON'T BE WORTH A HOOT IF I CAN'T FORCE MYSELF TO STAND UPRIGHT, TO GET OUT OF THIS ANIMAL CROUCH.

NAH! I'M GOING THRU THE WHOLE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION--FROM THE DAWN OF MAN TO TODAY. IT'S AS IF I WERE STARRING IN "2001."
SURE COULD USE A BIG, BLACK SLAB TO HELP ME OUT!


UNNHH--BODY--WON'T BEND--STRAIGHT--ANY MORE.
HAVE--UNNHH--TO PULL--STRAPS--UNNHH--TIGHTER--TIGHTER--
EVERY-THING--GOING--BLACK! BUT--I WON'T--QUIT! NOT NOW!

I CAN DO IT! JUST--UNNHHH--JUST--A LITTLE--TIGHTER! I CAN DO IT!
I--CAN--DO--IT--!


IT WORKED!! I'M A MAN AGAIN!
ONE LOUSY MOMENT OF EGO--A NEED TO PROVE MY THEORY--TO GO WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE--GOD HELP ME! I DON'T KNOW WHY I DRANK THAT FORMULA!
BUT NOW I'LL LICK IT! NOW I CAN GO TO MY LAB--FIND A WAY TO MAKE MYSELF REALLY HUMAN AGAIN!
HEAR ME, WORLD--I WILL BEAT THIS!!

AND, WITH THE REMOVAL OF MASK AND BRACE, HANK McCOY GRATEFULLY TUMBLES INTO HIS LONG-FORGOTTEN BED.
THERE IS A SAYING: "TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE." FOR HANK McCOY, IT IS LITERALLY TRUE...

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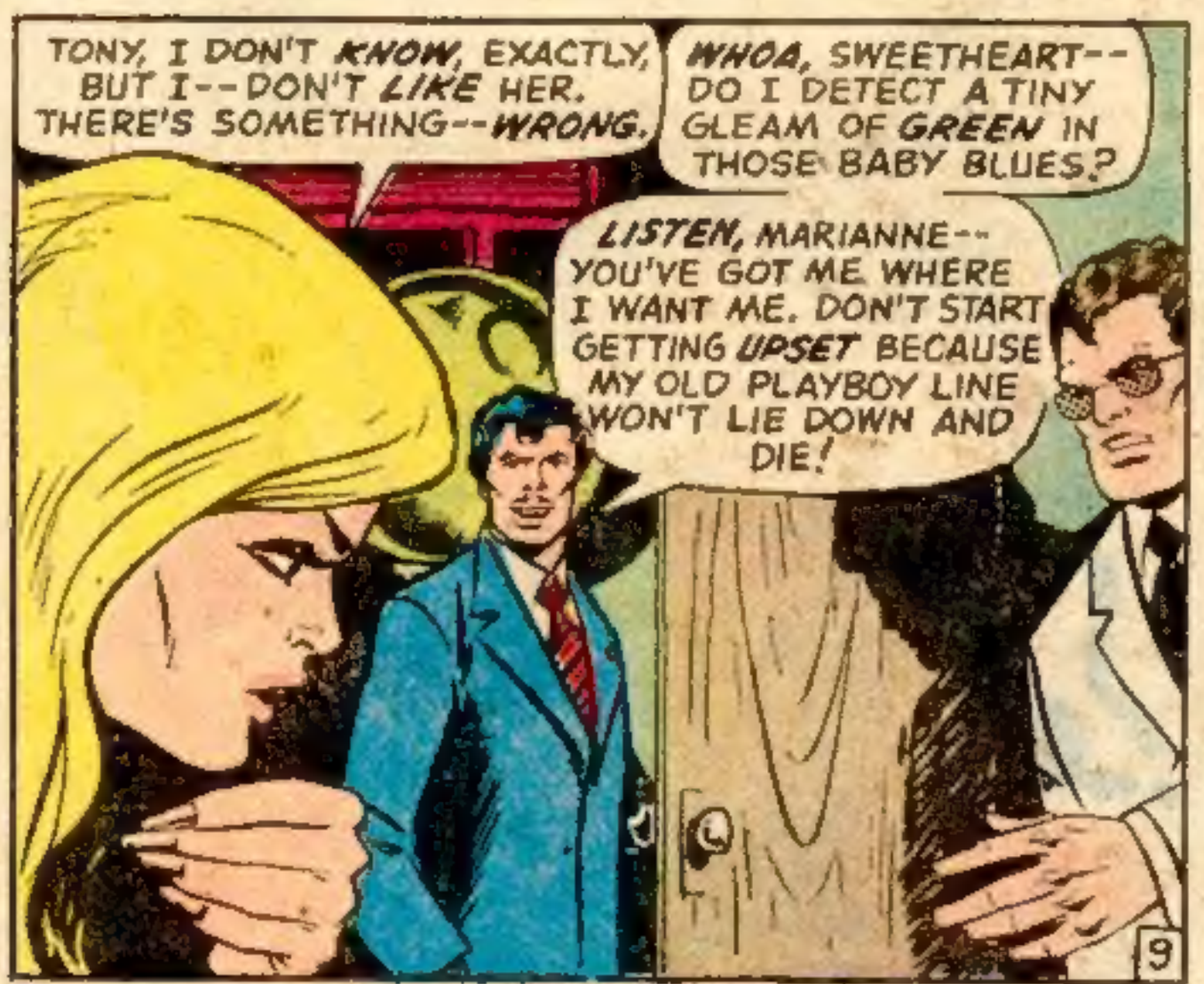
MORNING! HOW ARE YOU, HANK? I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY.
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MR. ANTHONY STARK AND HIS FIANCEE, MISS MARIANNE RODGERS. THEY'VE COME TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR "THINK TANK".
MAKE THAT "TONY," HANK. MR. GRANT TELLS ME YOU'RE HIS NEWEST GENIUS, AND I'D FEEL SILLY BEING FORMAL WITH YOU.

TONY IT IS, THEN. BUT HOW COME THE VISIT? AREN'T STARK INDUSTRIES KEEPING AMERICA'S TOP WEAPONS-INVENTOR BUSY ENOUGH?
THAT, MY FRIEND, IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION. IF I WERE ONLY INVOLVED WITH RUNNING MY PLANTS, MY LIFE WOULDN'T BE SO HECTIC.

BUT I'VE GOT A FEW OTHER IRONS IN THE FIRE THESE DAYS.*
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT THAT I'M HERE, ACTUALLY. I'M LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTIONS TO MOVE MY COMPANY IN, SO I'M CHECKING OUT OTHER TYPES OF INDUSTRIES. THIS GENETIC RESEARCH OF YOURS INTRIGUES ME.
WELL, ORDINARILY I'D BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU, TONY, BUT TODAY--
OH! I'M SORRY HANK-- I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD COMPANY.
*WELL, YEAH... TONY'S NATURAL MODESTY FORBIDS HIM TO MENTION THE GUARDSMAN, STUDENT RIOTS, A MUTINOUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND HIS WEAK HEART, ALL ON VIEW NOW IN IRON MAN. --STAN.

HEY-- DON'T GO, LINDA.
TONY STARK, MARIANNE RODGERS--THIS IS LINDA DONALDSON, MY ASSISTANT.
HI. I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOU--I JUST DROPPED BY TO SEE IF HANK WANTED TO JOIN ME FOR LUNCH.

WE'D BE HAPPY TO EXCUSE HIM FOR SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE, LINDA.
OH NO, MR. STARK--THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
WOW! TONY STARK, DEFENSE CONTRACTOR. WHAT A COUP FOR OUR SIDE IF I COULD MOVE IN ON YOU!



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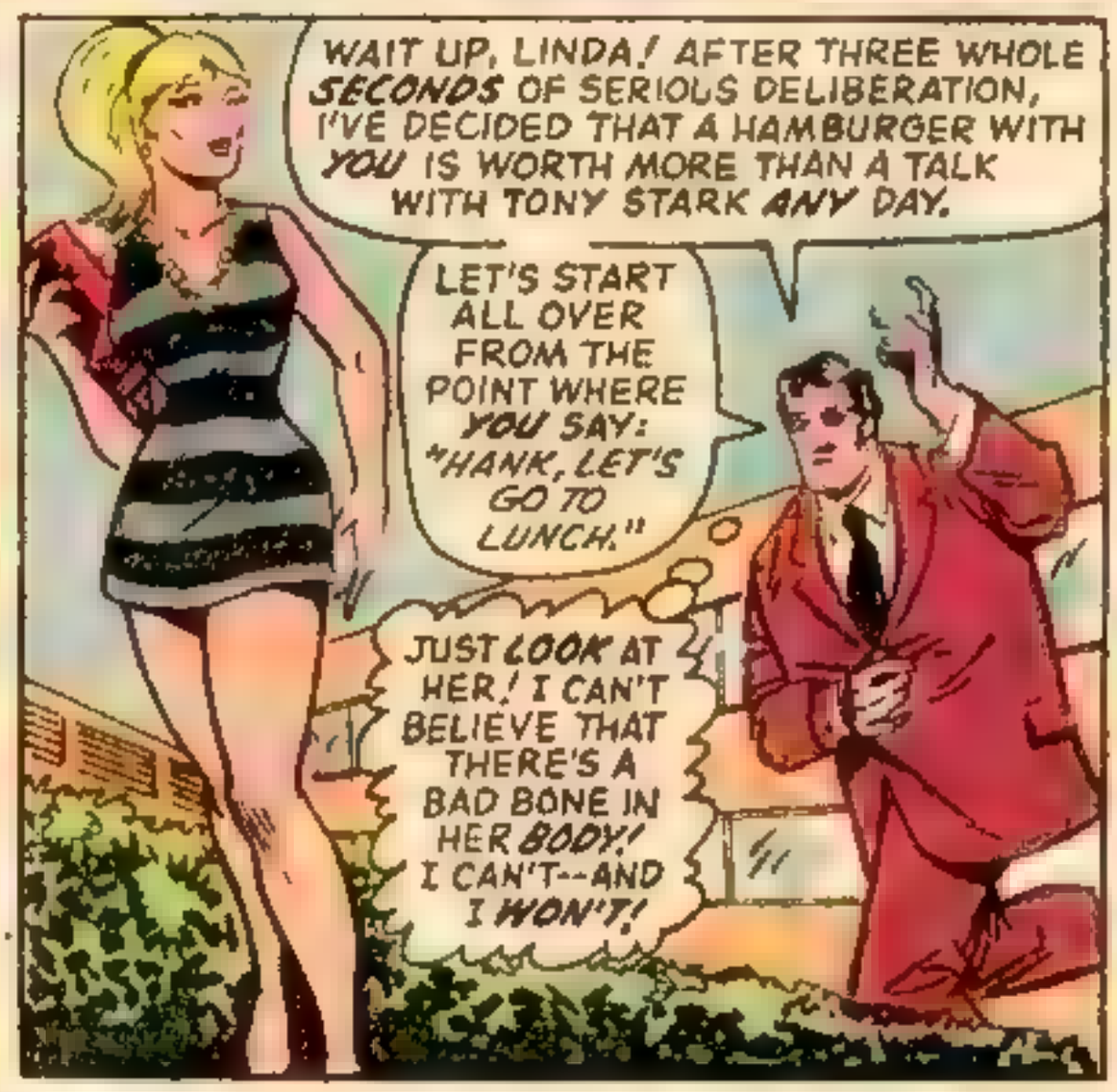
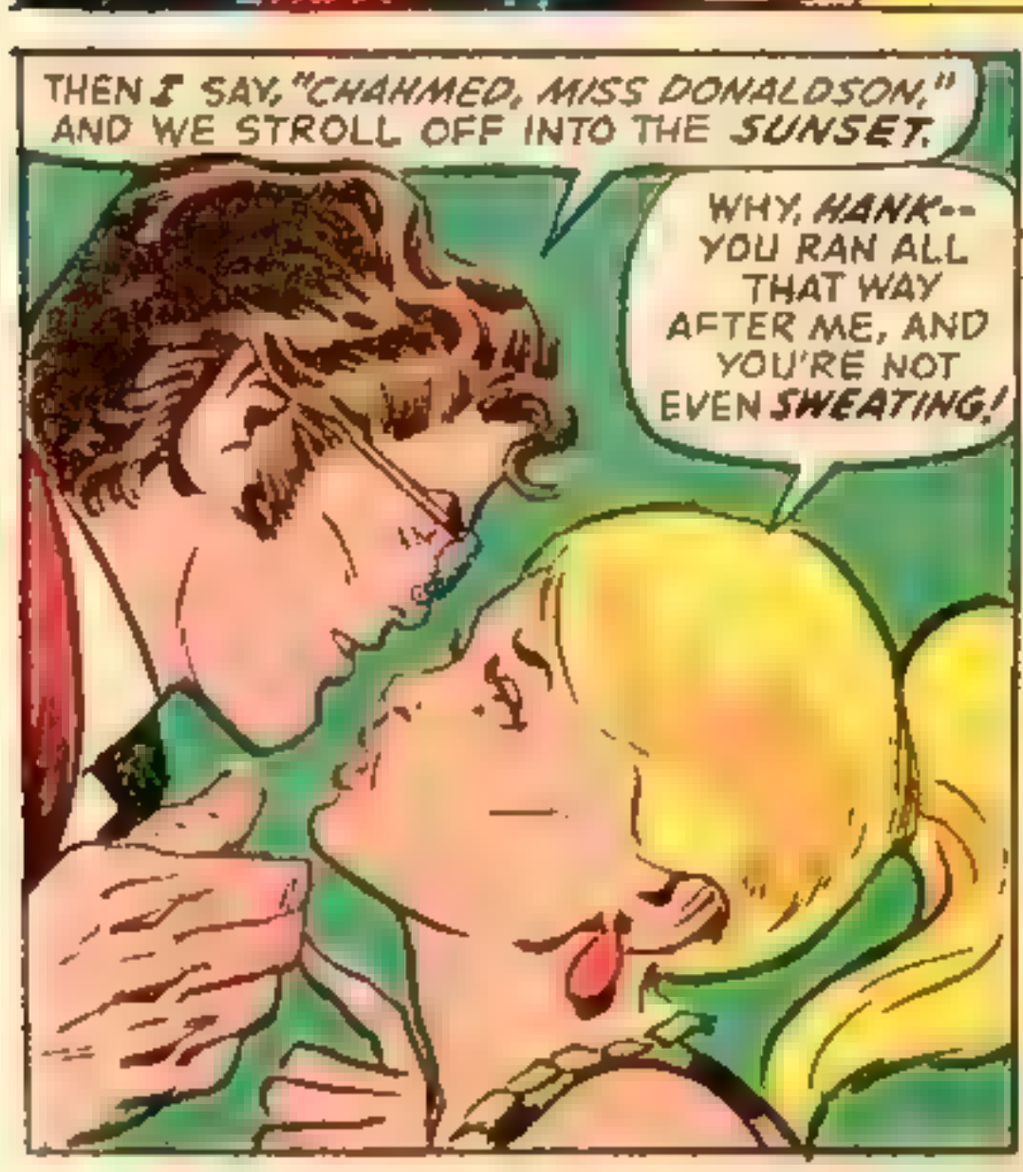
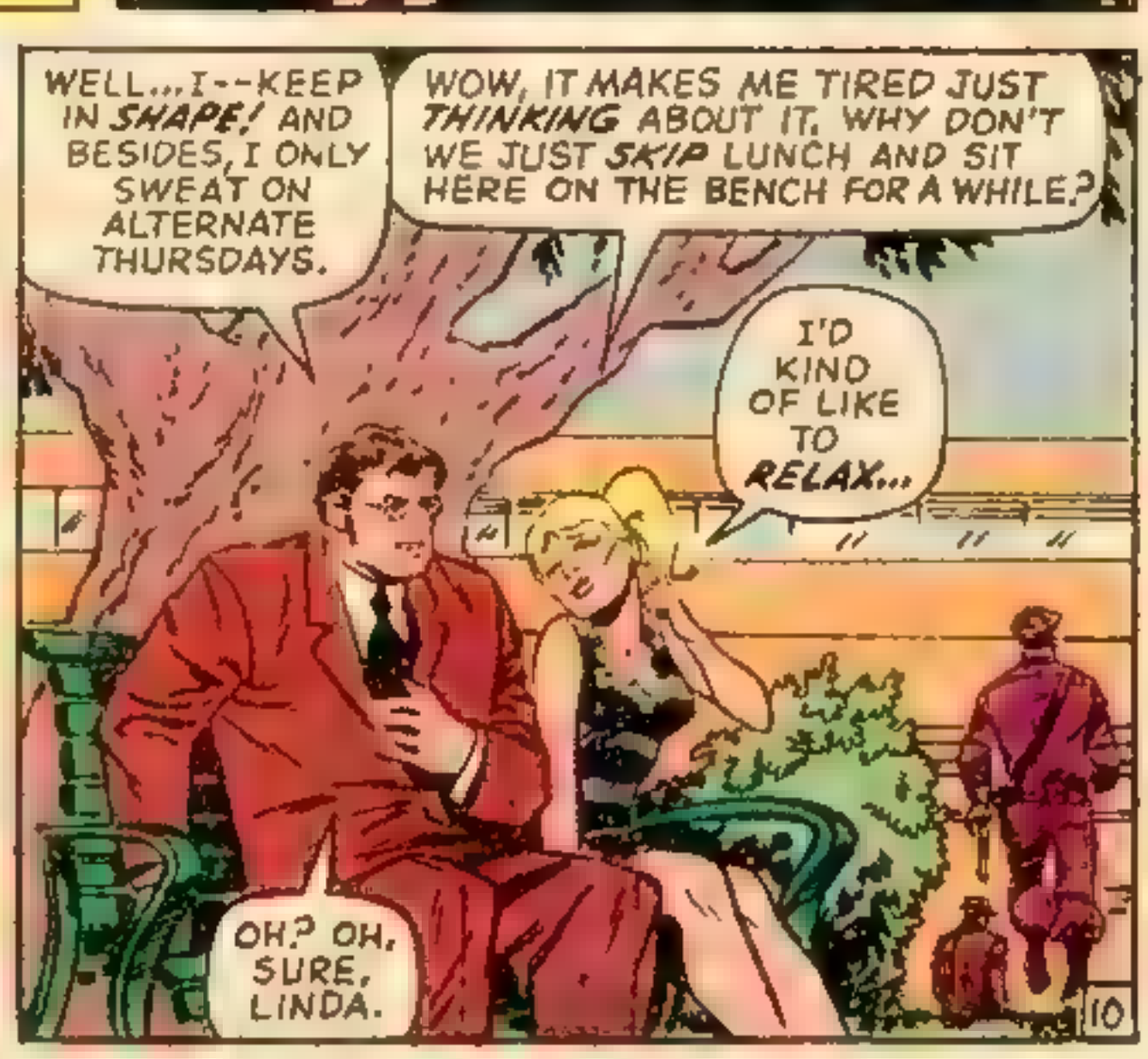
TONY--NO! I REALLY DID FEEL SOMETHING --EVIL-- ABOUT HER!
HANK, YOU SHOULD BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST--
NO!
BLAM!

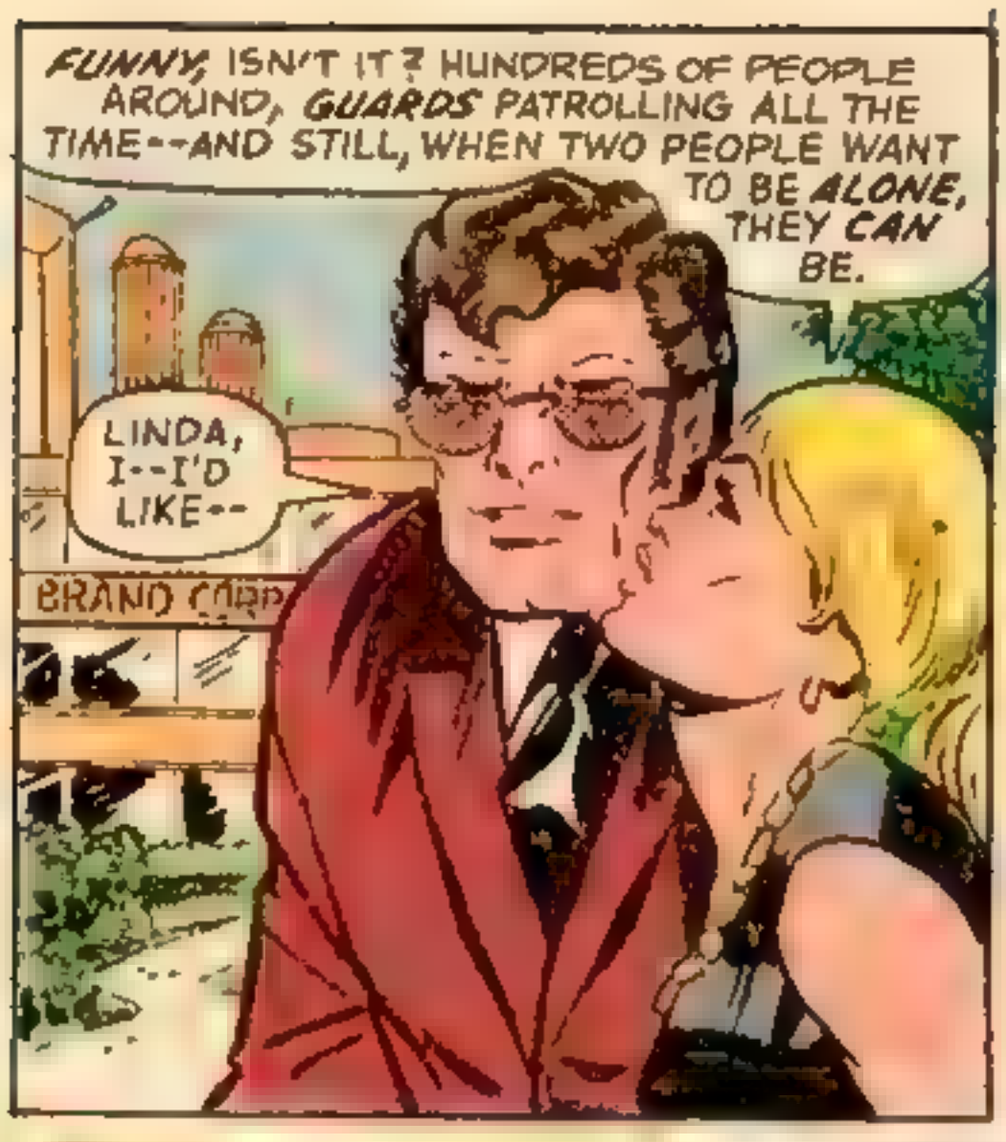
LINDA'S NOT JUST MY ASSISTANT, MISS RODGERS, --SHE'S MY GIRL!
AND I THINK I WILL JOIN HER FOR LUNCH, THANK YOU!
HANK, WAIT! WE'RE...

DARLING, I COULDN'T SAY IT IN FRONT OF HIM, BUT--YOU KNOW ABOUT MY ESPER POWERS --HOW THEY GIVE ME INTUITIONS.
YES, I KNOW-- AND I BELIEVE YOU. I ALSO BELIEVE THE BRAND CORPORATION COULD USE A VISIT FROM--IRON MAN.


WAIT UP, LINDA! AFTER THREE WHOLE SECONDS OF SERIOUS DELIBERATION, I'VE DECIDED THAT A HAMBURGER WITH YOU IS WORTH MORE THAN A TALK WITH TONY STARK ANY DAY.
LET'S START ALL OVER FROM THE POINT WHERE YOU SAY: "HANK, LET'S GO TO LUNCH."
JUST LOOK AT HER! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A BAD BONE IN HER BODY! I CAN'T--AND I WON'T!


THEN I SAY, "CHAHMED, MISS DONALDSON," AND WE STROLL OFF INTO THE SUNSET.
WHY, HANK-- YOU RAN ALL THAT WAY AFTER ME, AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN SWEATING!


WELL... I--KEEP IN SHAPE! AND BESIDES, I ONLY SWEAT ON ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.
WOW, IT MAKES ME TIRED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT. WHY DON'T WE JUST SKIP LUNCH AND SIT HERE ON THE BENCH FOR A WHILE?
I'D KIND OF LIKE TO RELAX...
OH? OH, SURE, LINDA.


FUNNY, ISN'T IT? HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AROUND, GUARDS PATROLLING ALL THE TIME--AND STILL, WHEN TWO PEOPLE WANT TO BE ALONE, THEY CAN BE.
LINDA, I--I'D LIKE--
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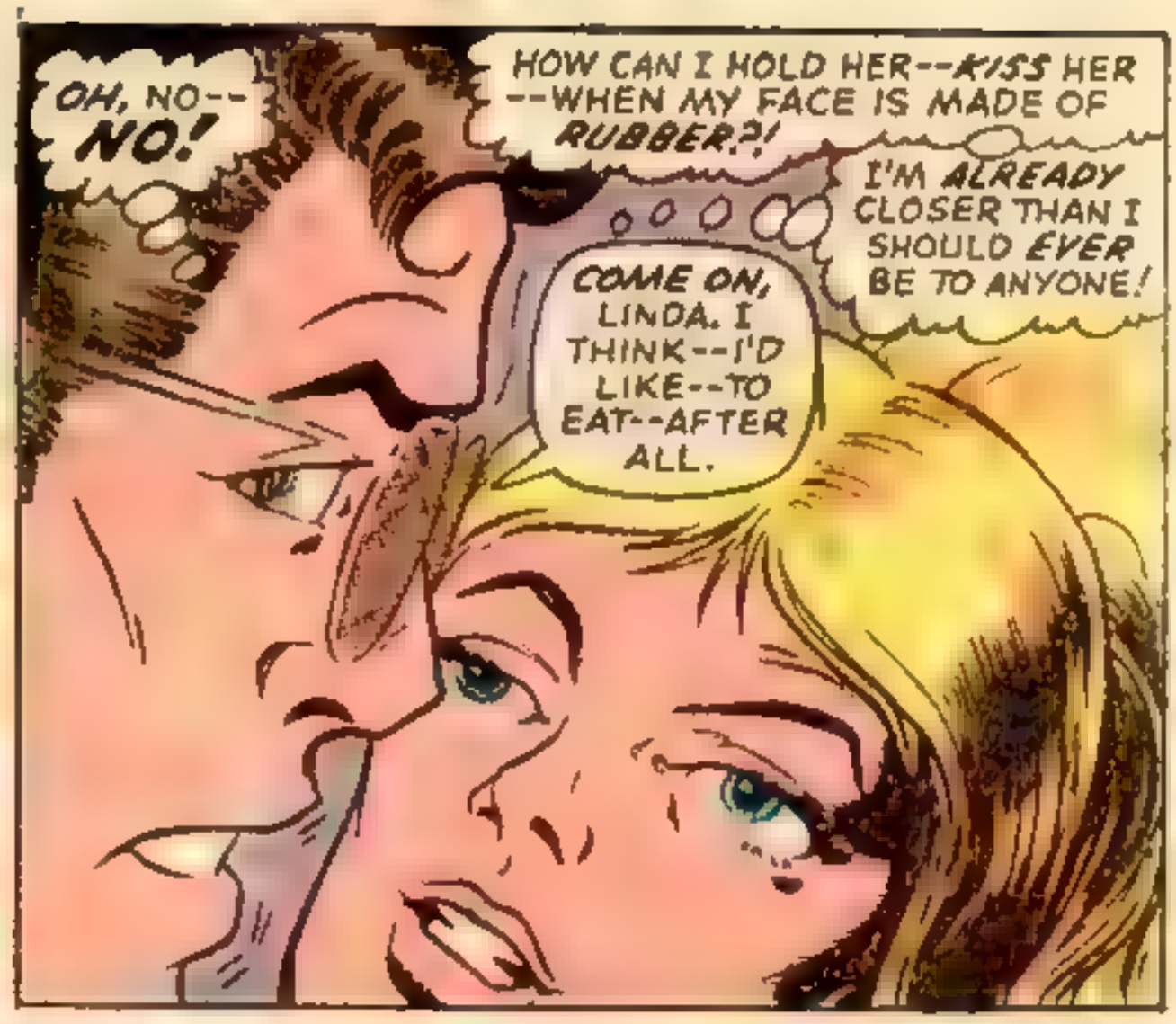
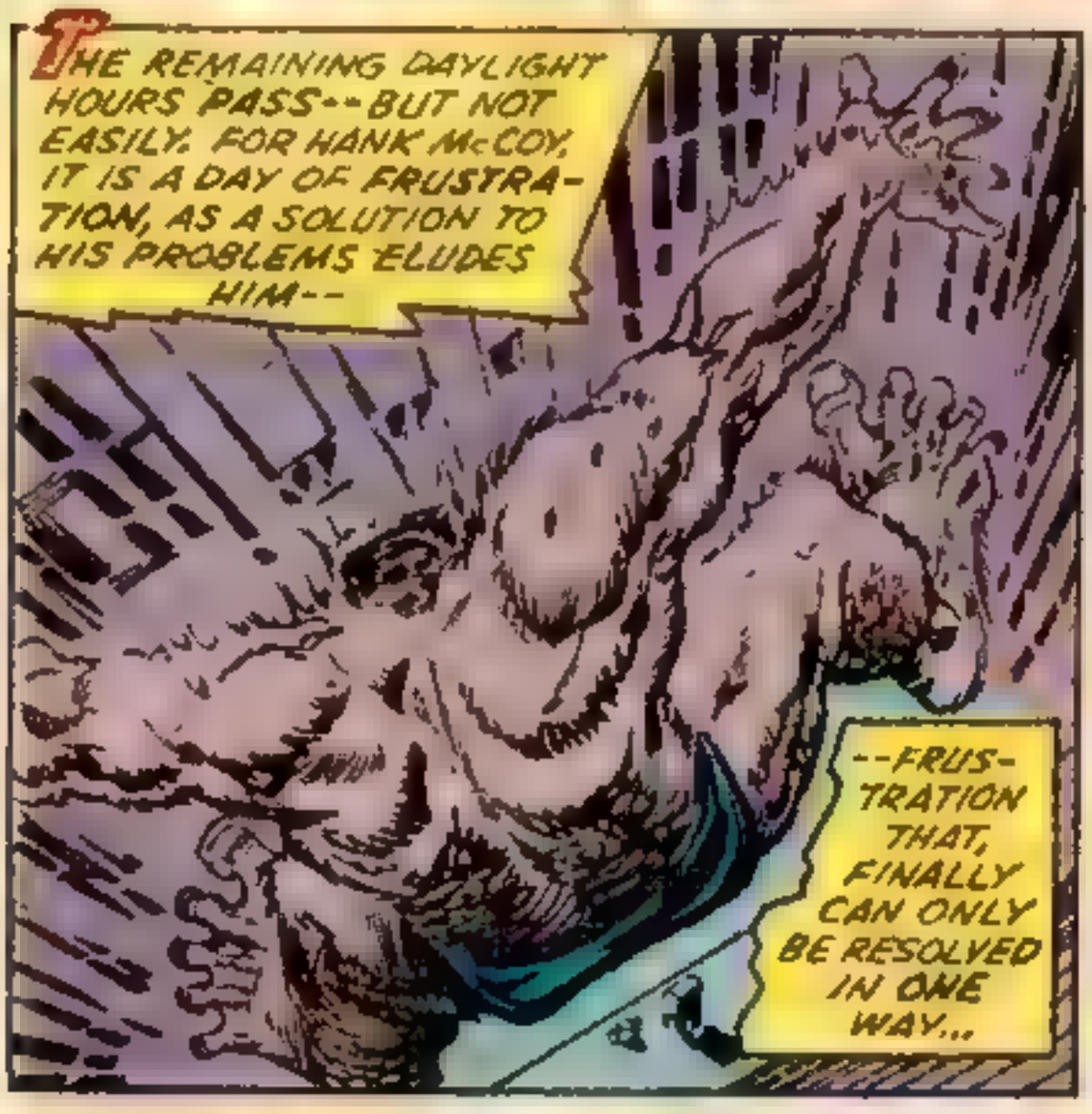

OH, NO--NO!
HOW CAN I HOLD HER--KISS HER--WHEN MY FACE IS MADE OF RUBBER?!
I'M ALREADY CLOSER THAN I SHOULD EVER BE TO ANYONE!
COME ON, LINDA. I THINK--I'D LIKE--TO EAT--AFTER ALL.


THE REMAINING DAYLIGHT HOURS PASS--BUT NOT EASILY. FOR HANK McCOY, IT IS A DAY OF FRUSTRATION, AS A SOLUTION TO HIS PROBLEMS ELUDES HIM--
--FRUSTRATION THAT, FINALLY CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED IN ONE WAY...

I COULDN'T HAVE STOOD THOSE STRAPS ANOTHER SECOND, AND THAT MASK--
I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THIS IS WHAT I NEEDED--

--THE FREEDOM, THE POWER OF THE BEAST!
LIKE IT OR NOT--AND IT'S "NOT"--THIS IS MY BODY NOW. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN FORCE IT OUT OF SHAPE THAT WAY.

WAIT A MINUTE--WHAT'S THAT?

IRON MAN?!

GOOD LORD! SOME SORT OF THING-- HALF HUMAN, HALF ANIMAL!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, APE-MAN. LET'S HAVE A--

--TALK??

IRON MAN-- STARK'S BODYGUARD. HE MUST BE HERE ABOUT LINDA.

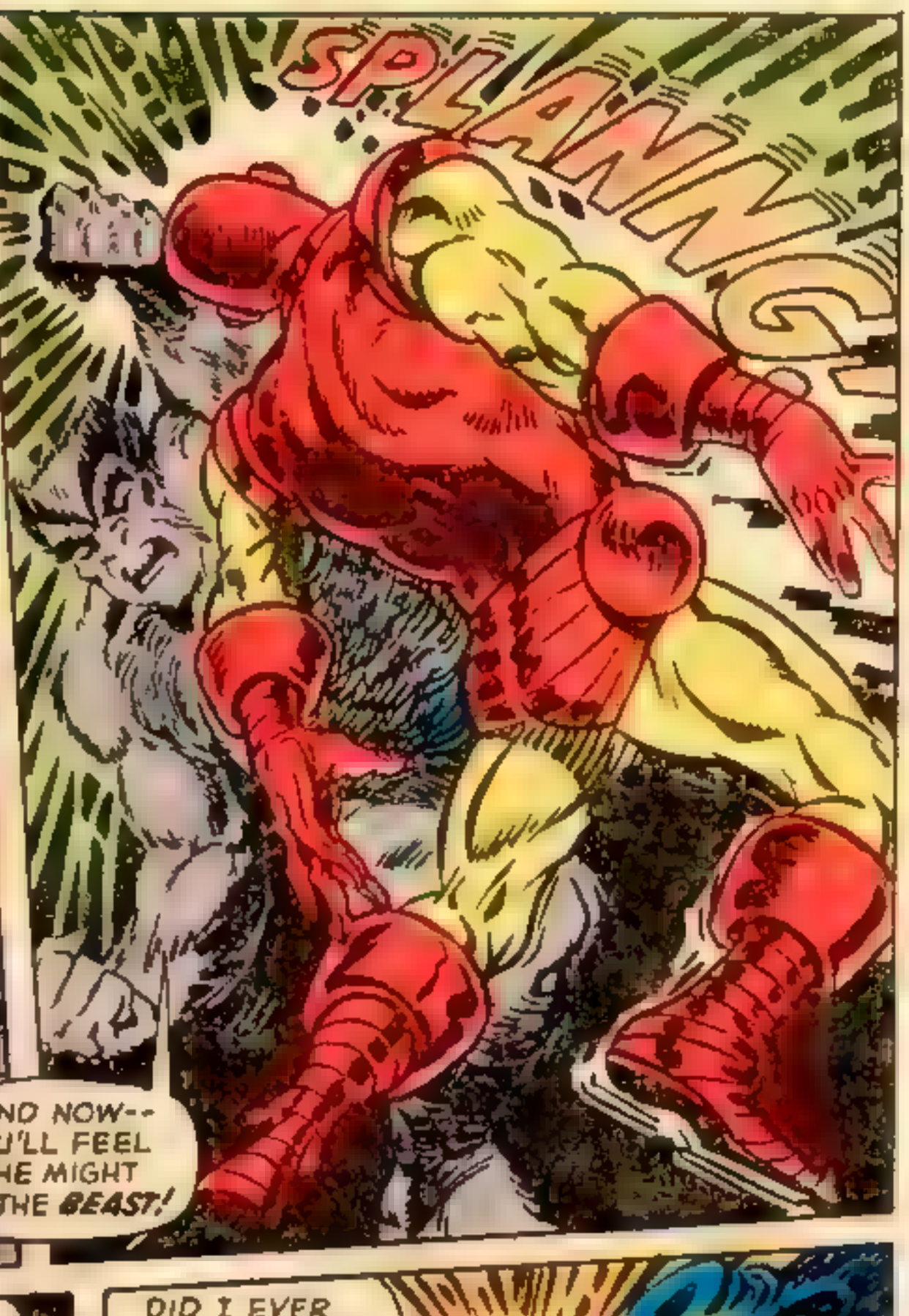
I WON'T LET HIM HOUND HER-- AS I'VE BEEN HOUNDED ALL MY LIFE!

GET AWAY FROM THE BRAND CORPORATION, AVENGER! YOU'RE NOT THE POLICE! YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT HERE!

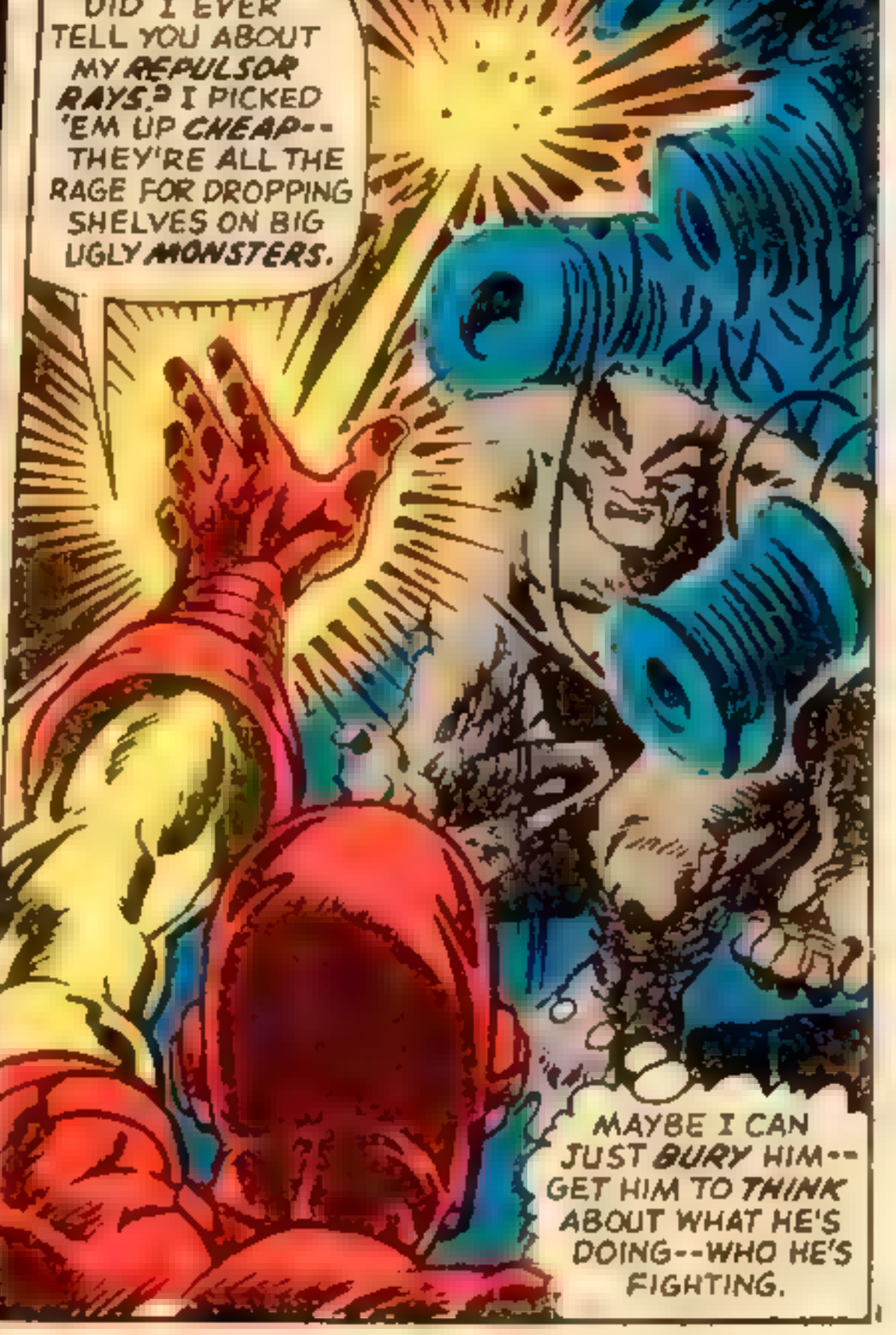
HEY, LOOK--YOU'RE NOT THE FRIENDLIEST FACE I'VE EVER SEEN, BUT IF YOU WANT TO SETTLE THIS PEACEABLY--

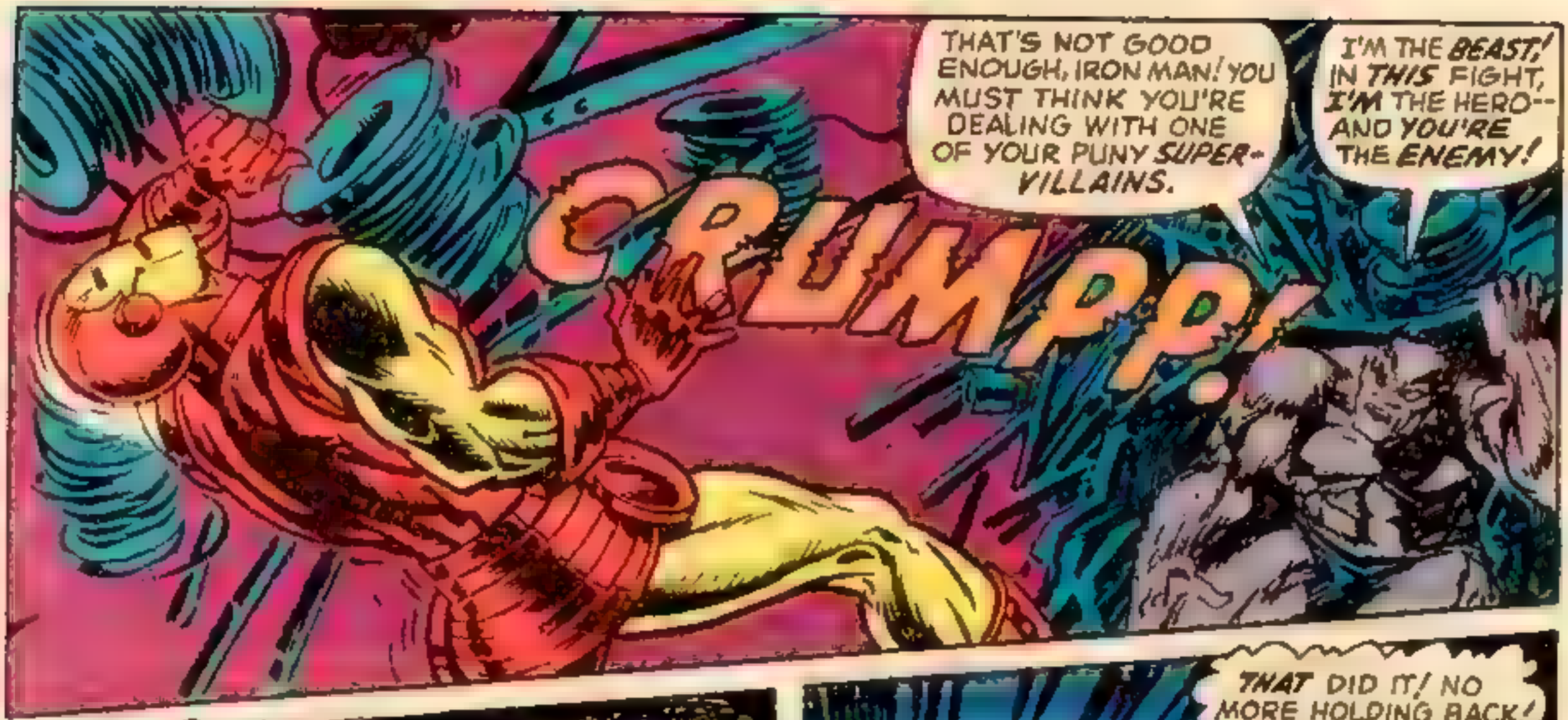
AND YOU DO?

WHAM!
THERE'S NOTHING TO SETTLE, IRON MAN! YOU'RE A TRESPASSER, AND TRESPASSERS TAKE THEIR LIVES IN THEIR HANDS HERE.

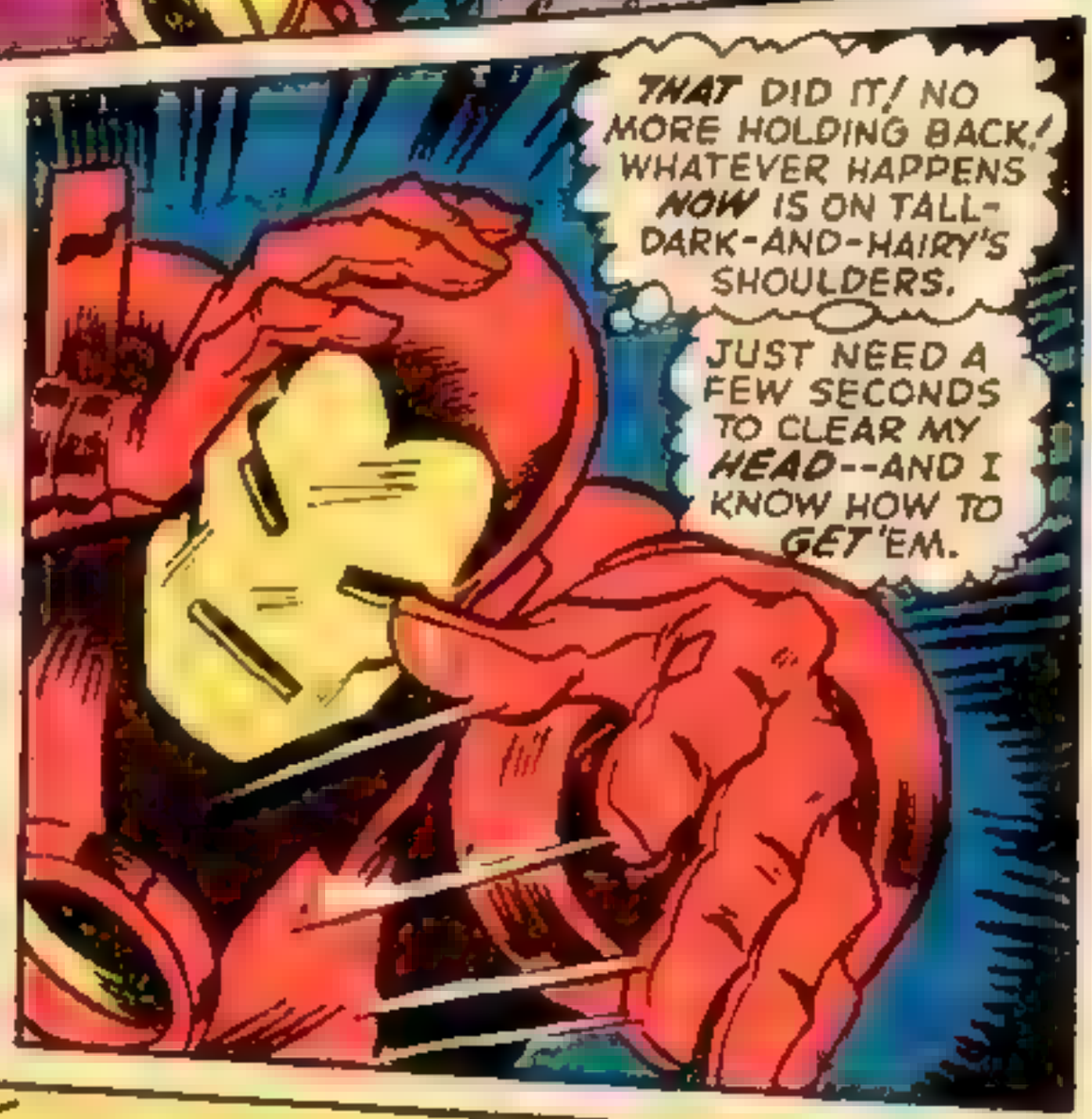

SPLANNGG!
AND NOW-- YOU'LL FEEL THE MIGHT OF THE BEAST!

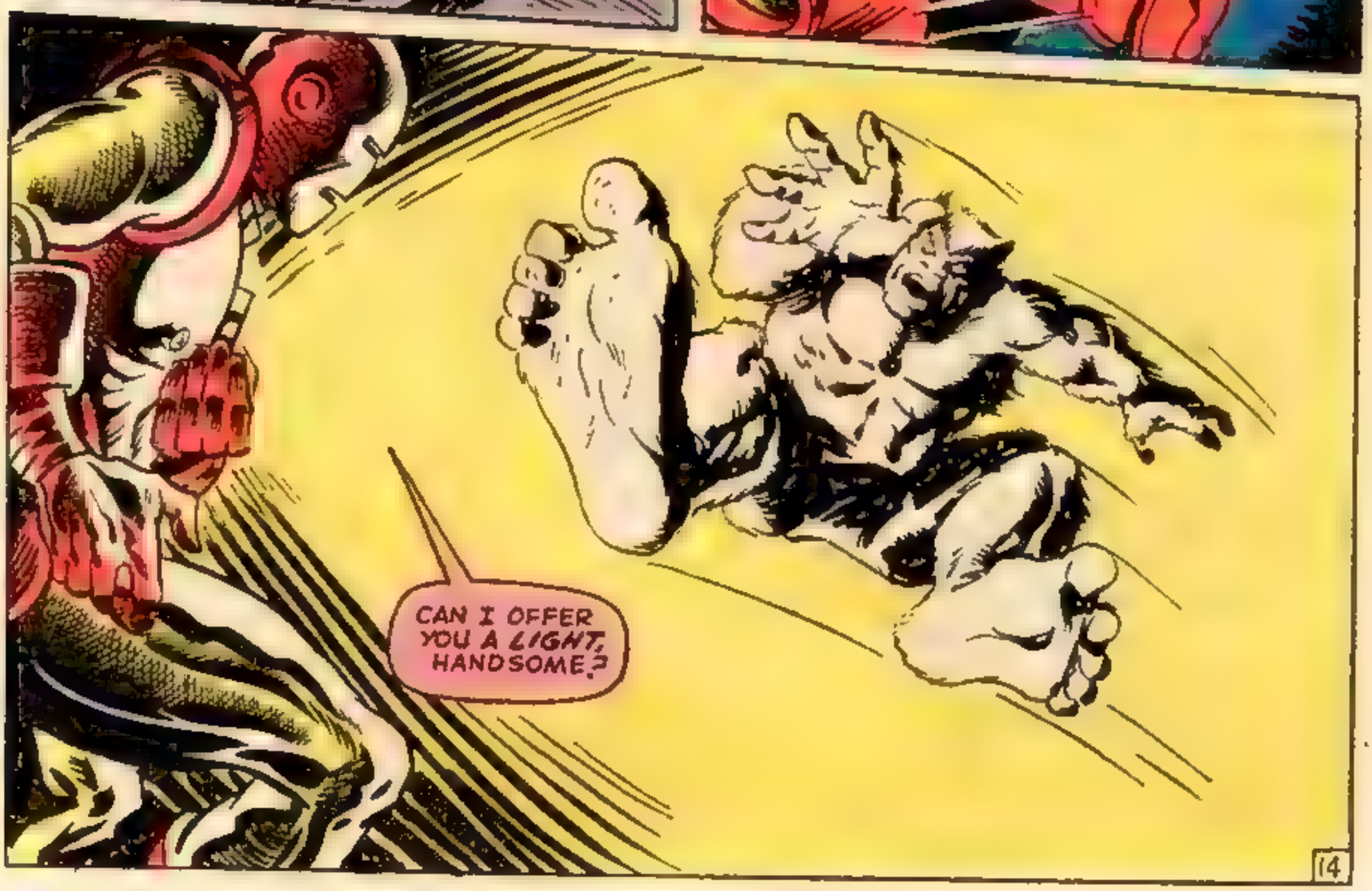
WHO IS THIS GUY? I COME HERE TO CHECK ON A MYSTERIOUS GIRL, AND I MEET KING KONG.
OKAY, MISTER, I GAVE YOU CHANCE.
BUT IT'LL TAKE A LOT MORE THAN YOU'VE GOT TO STOP IRON MAN!

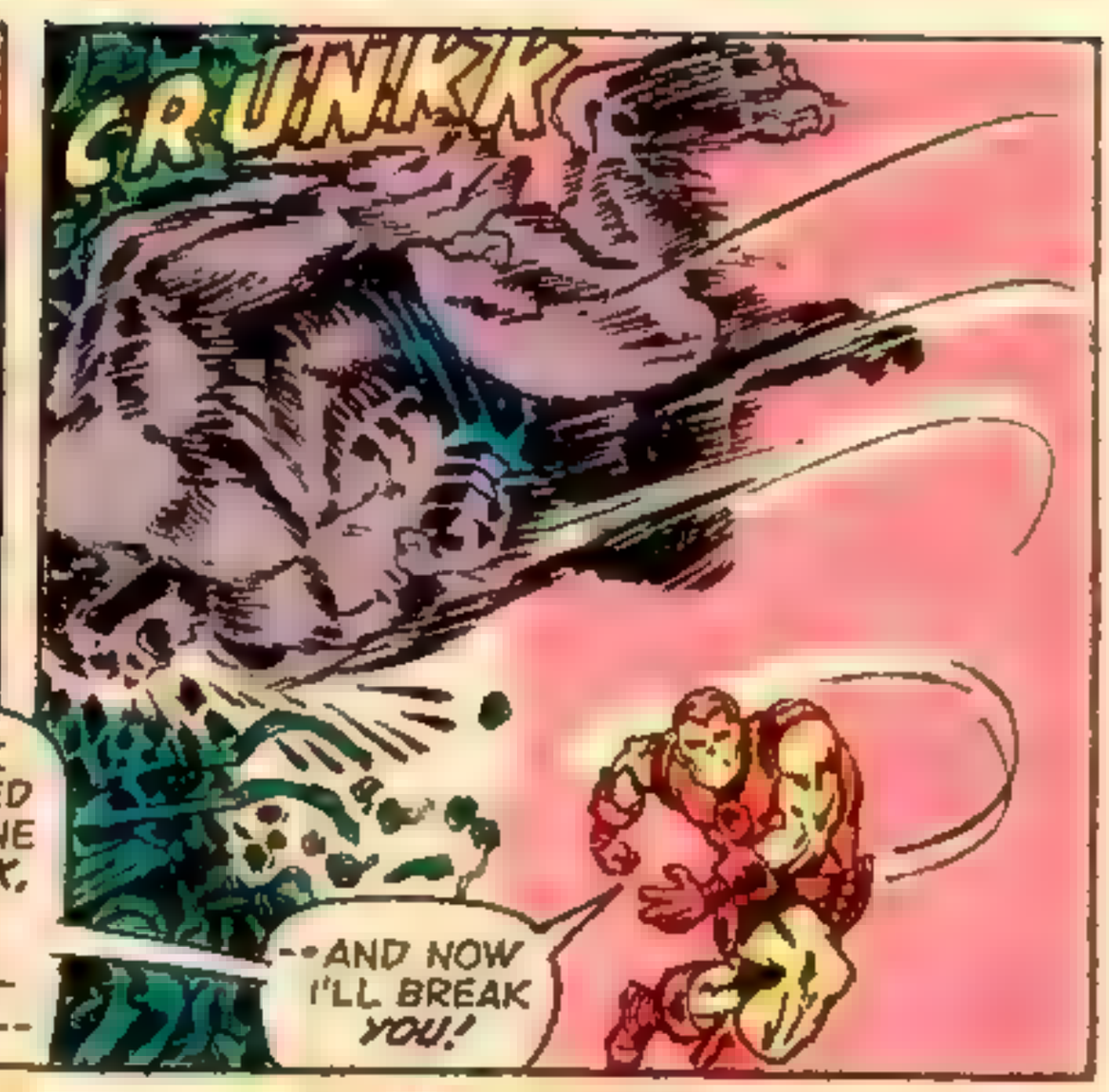

DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT MY REPULSOR RAYS? I PICKED 'EM UP CHEAP-- THEY'RE ALL THE RAGE FOR DROPPING SHELVES ON BIG UGLY MONSTERS.
MAYBE I CAN JUST BURY HIM-- GET HIM TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HE'S DOING--WHO HE'S FIGHTING.

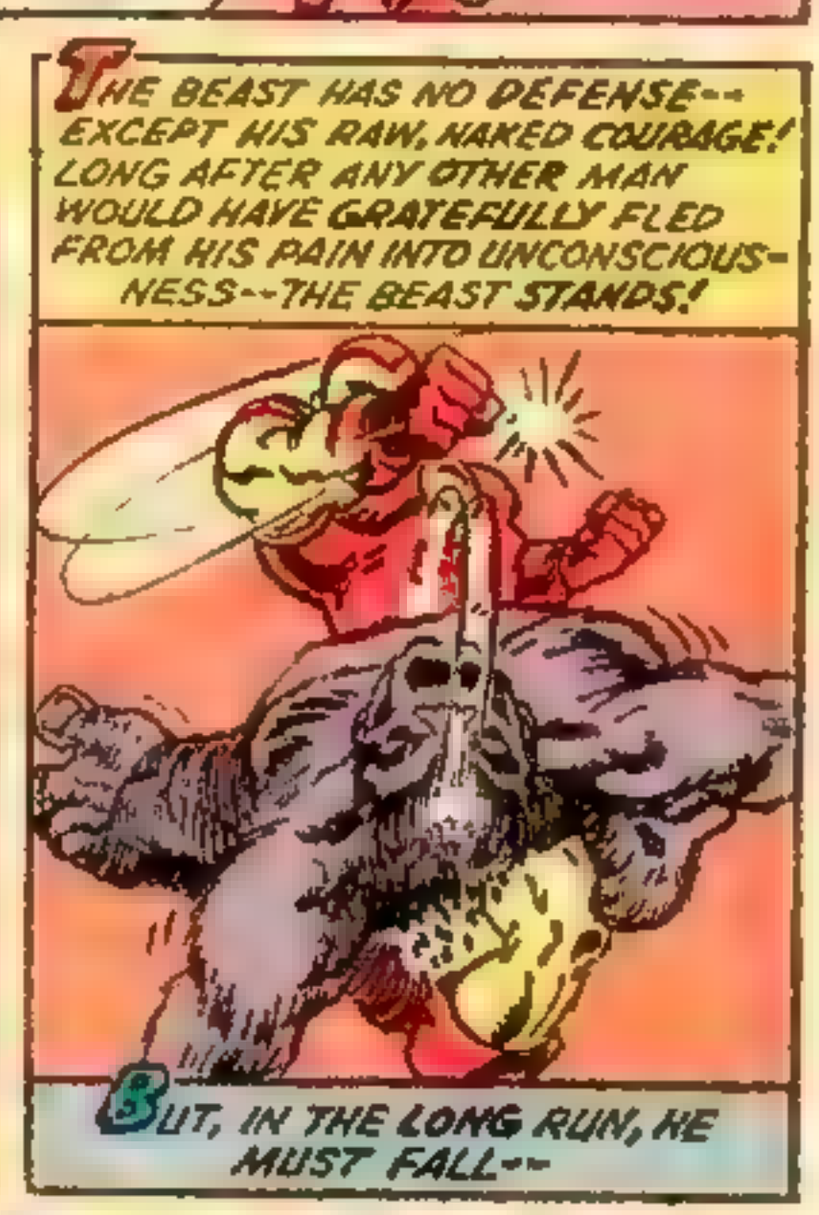

CRUMPP!
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, IRON MAN! YOU MUST THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH ONE OF YOUR PUNY SUPER-VILLAINS.
I'M THE BEAST! IN THIS FIGHT, I'M THE HERO--AND YOU'RE THE ENEMY!

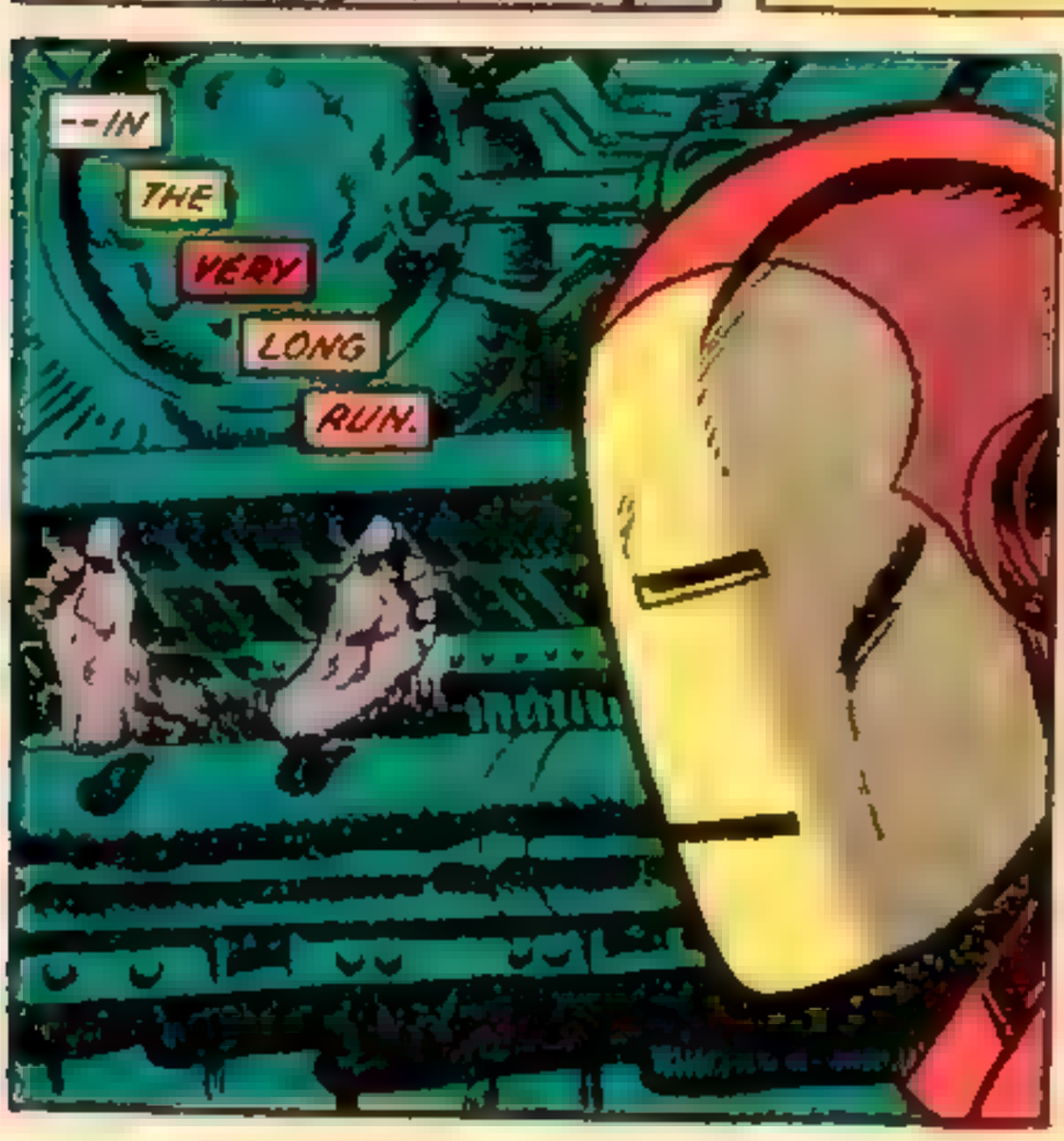
MY BLOOD--POUNDING THROUGH MY TEMPLES. I'M--I'M LOSING CONTROL OF THE BEAST IN MY BRAIN!
HAVE TO FIGHT IT DOWN! HAVE TO KEEP CONTROL!


THAT DID IT! NO MORE HOLDING BACK! WHATEVER HAPPENS NOW IS ON TALL-DARK-AND-HAIRY'S SHOULDERS.
JUST NEED A FEW SECONDS TO CLEAR MY HEAD--AND I KNOW HOW TO GET 'EM.


CAN I OFFER YOU A LIGHT, HANDSOME?







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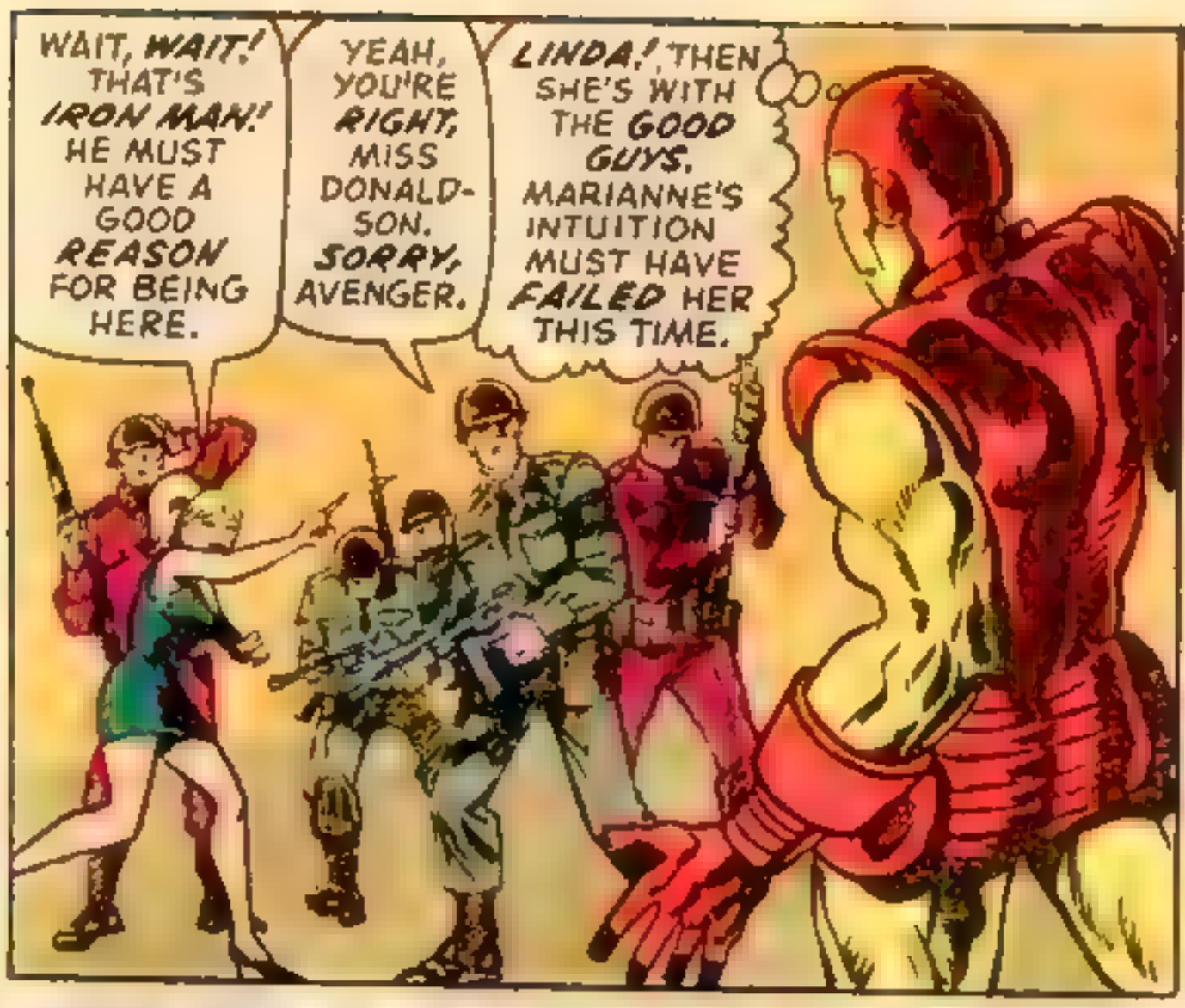
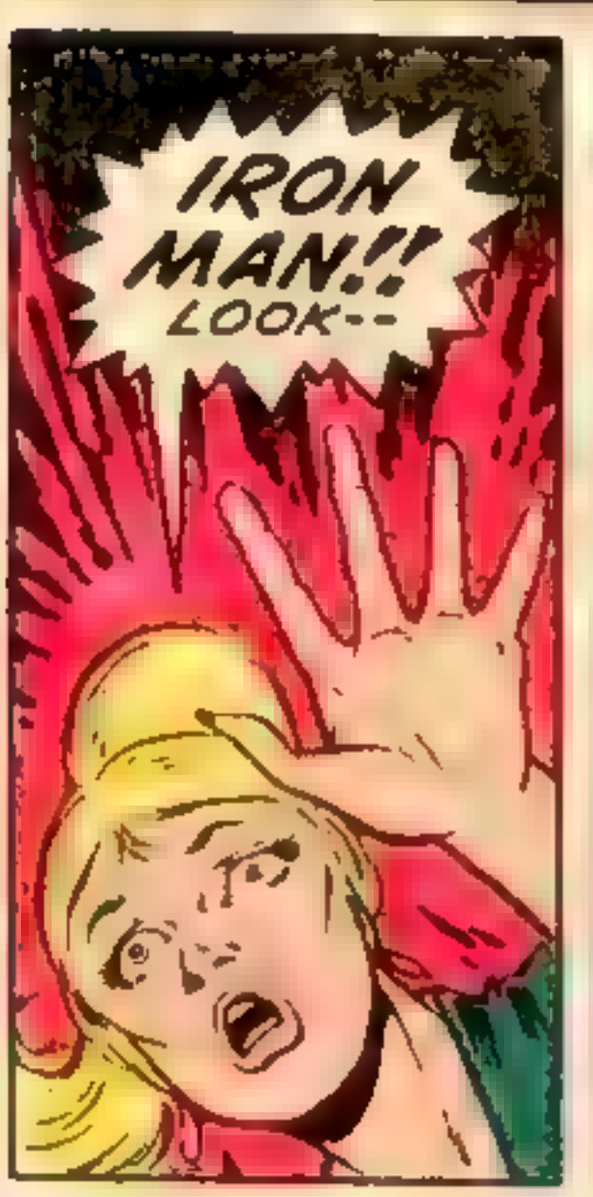
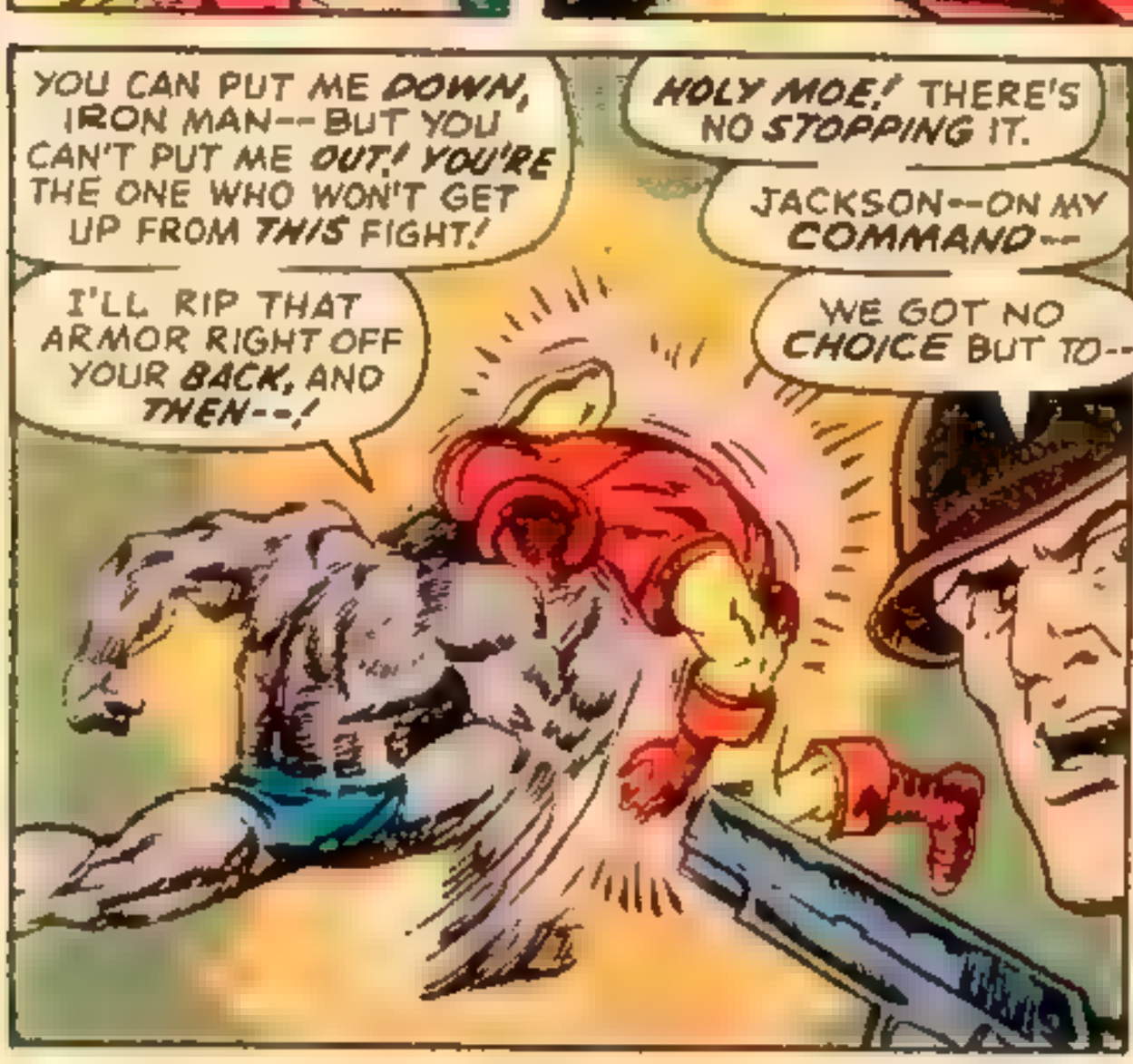

WAIT, WAIT! THAT'S IRON MAN! HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR BEING HERE.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT, MISS DONALDSON. SORRY, AVENGER.
LINDA! THEN SHE'S WITH THE GOOD GUYS. MARIANNE'S INTUITION MUST HAVE FAILED HER THIS TIME.

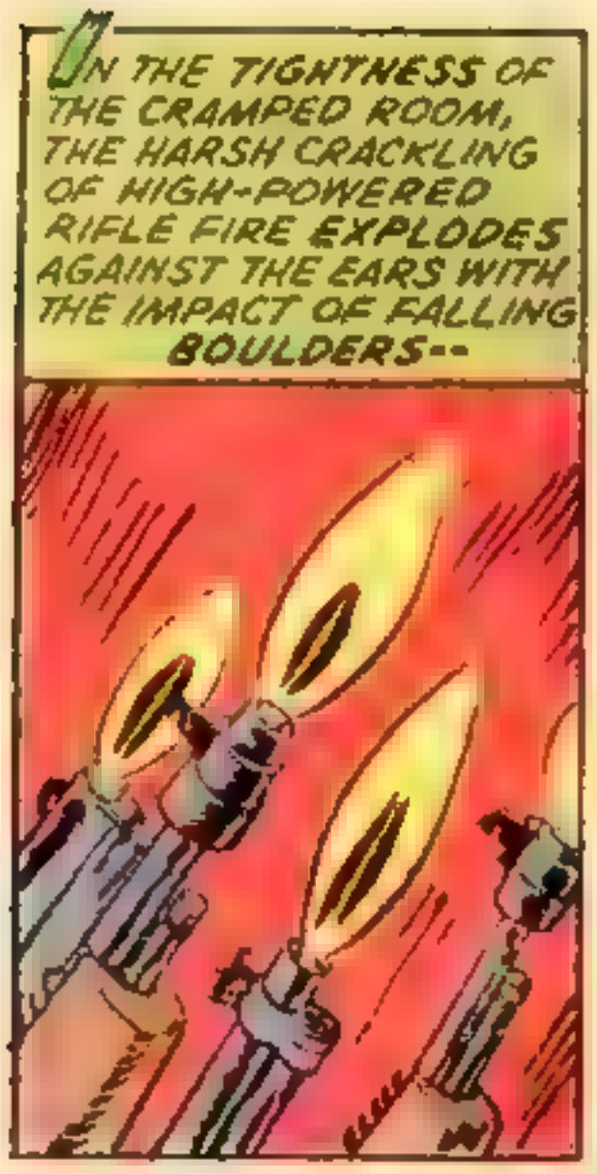
NO HARM DONE, PEOPLE. I'VE JUST HAD A LITTLE WALTZ WITH SOMETHING CALLED THE BEAST, AND IT TOOK A LOT OF WHEATIES TO PUT HIM DOWN FOR THE COUNT.

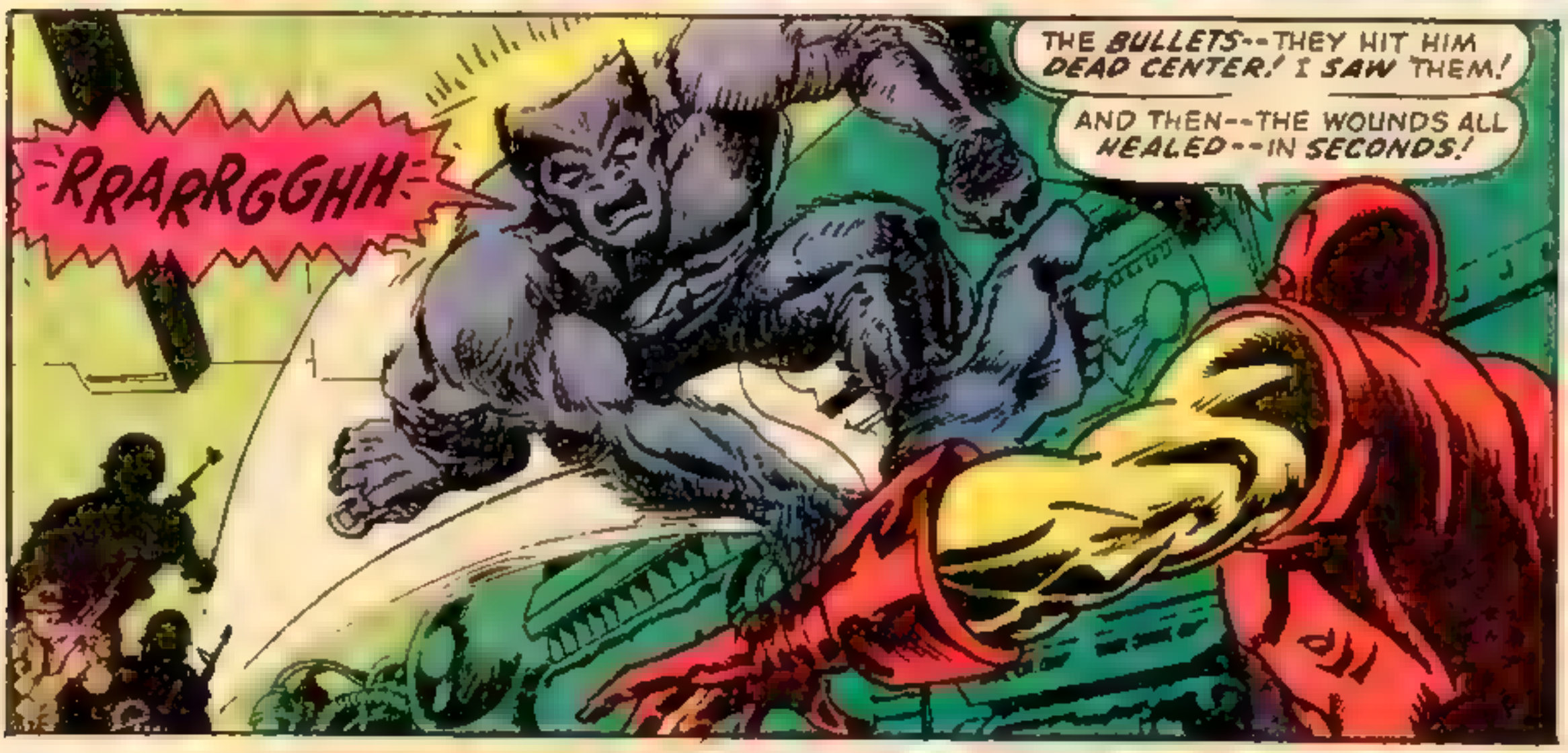

IRON MAN!! LOOK--

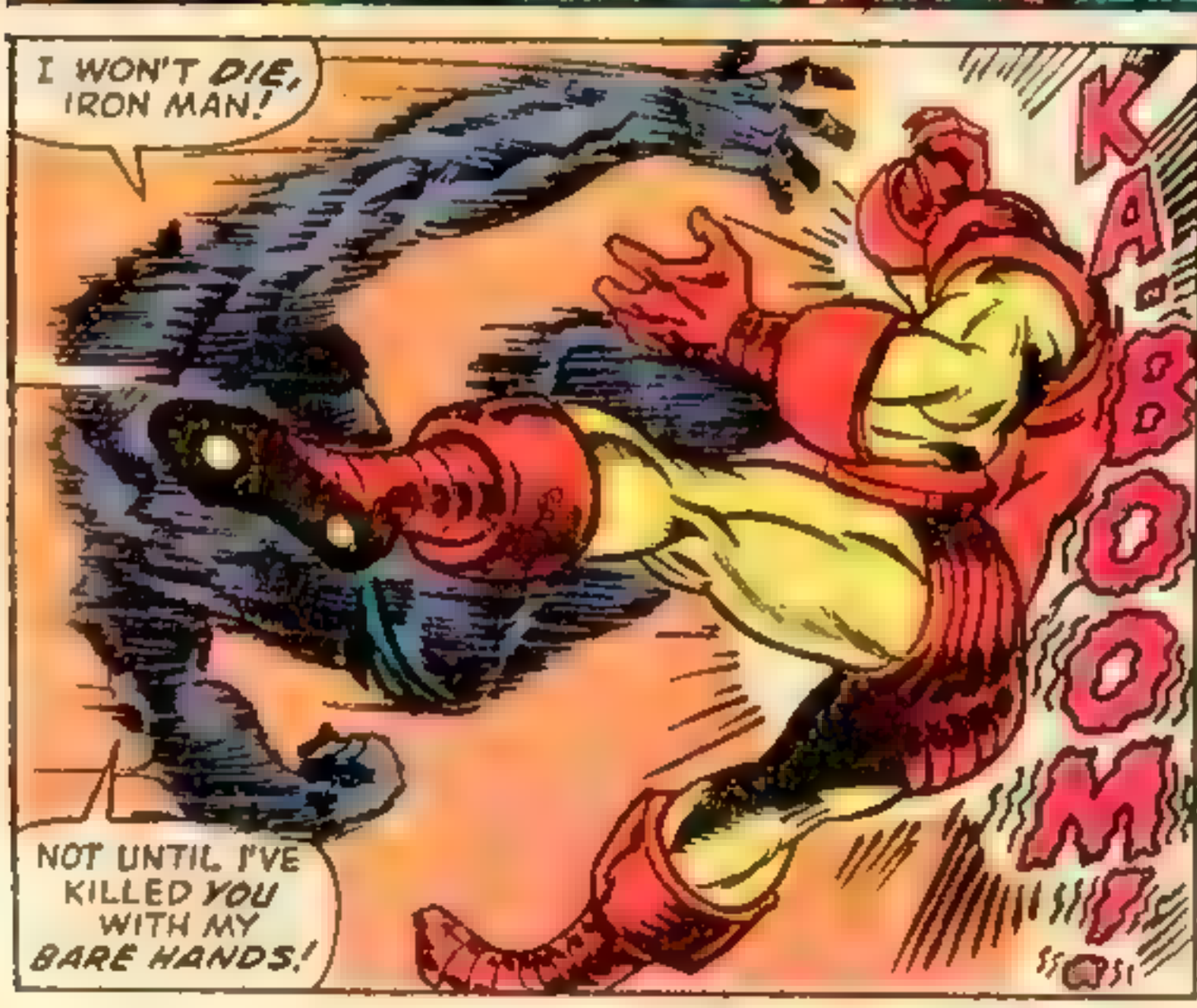
OWRRRRRR!!
CLUNNGG!!


YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN, IRON MAN--BUT YOU CAN'T PUT ME OUT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WON'T GET UP FROM THIS FIGHT!
HOLY MOE! THERE'S NO STOPPING IT.
JACKSON--ON MY COMMAND--
I'LL RIP THAT ARMOR RIGHT OFF YOUR BACK, AND THEN--!
WE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO--

FIRE!
KRAK
KRAK







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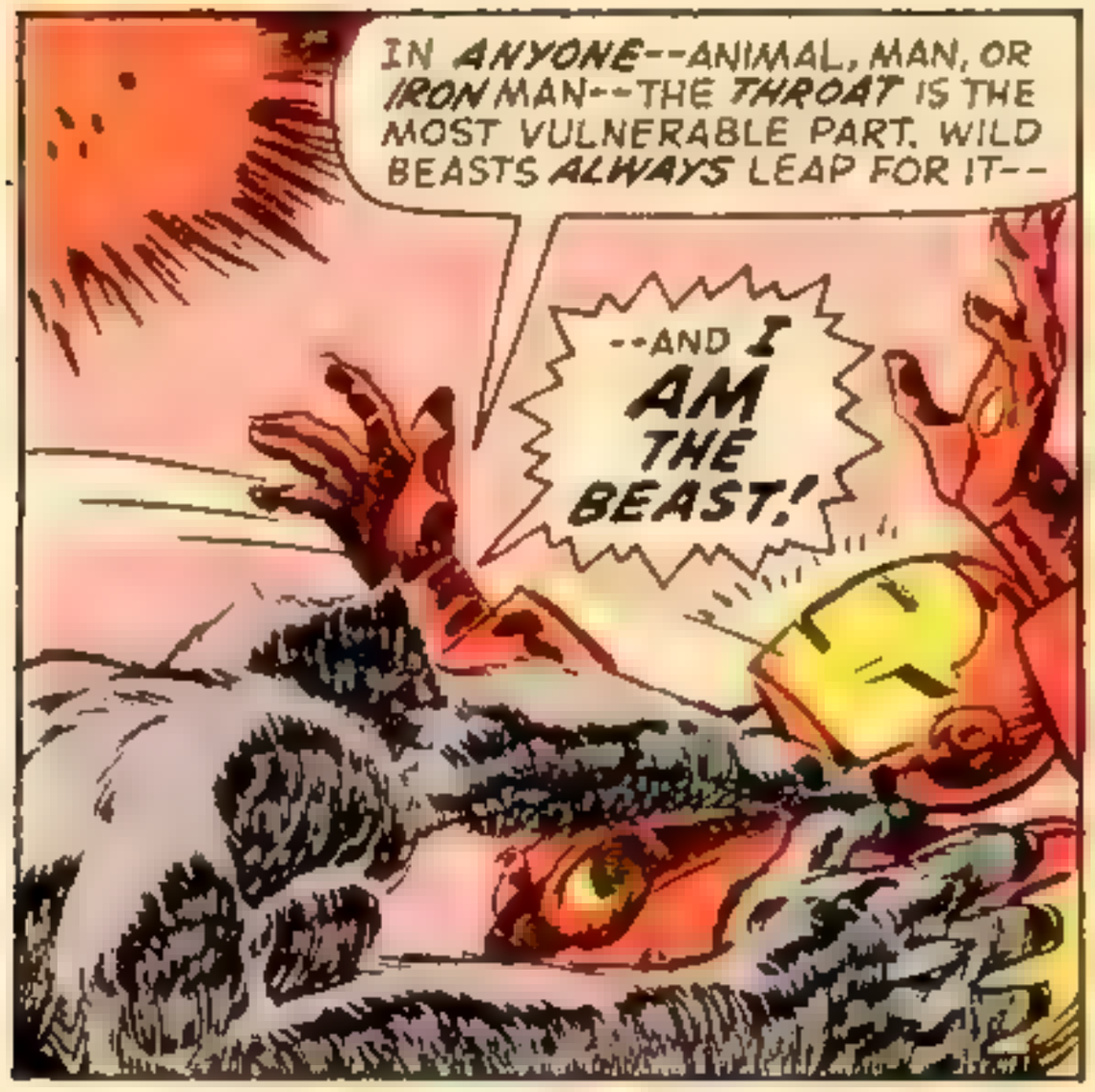
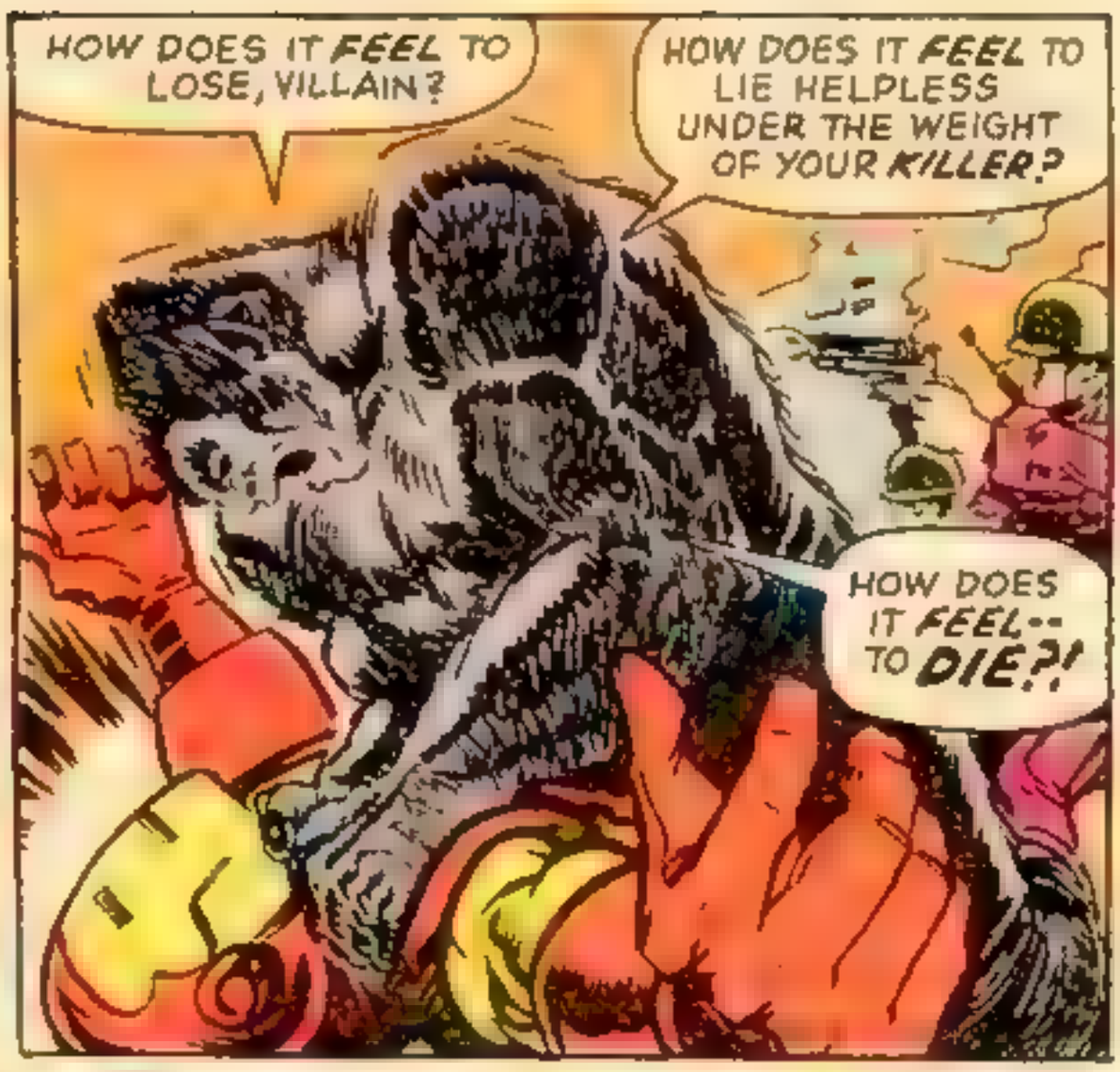
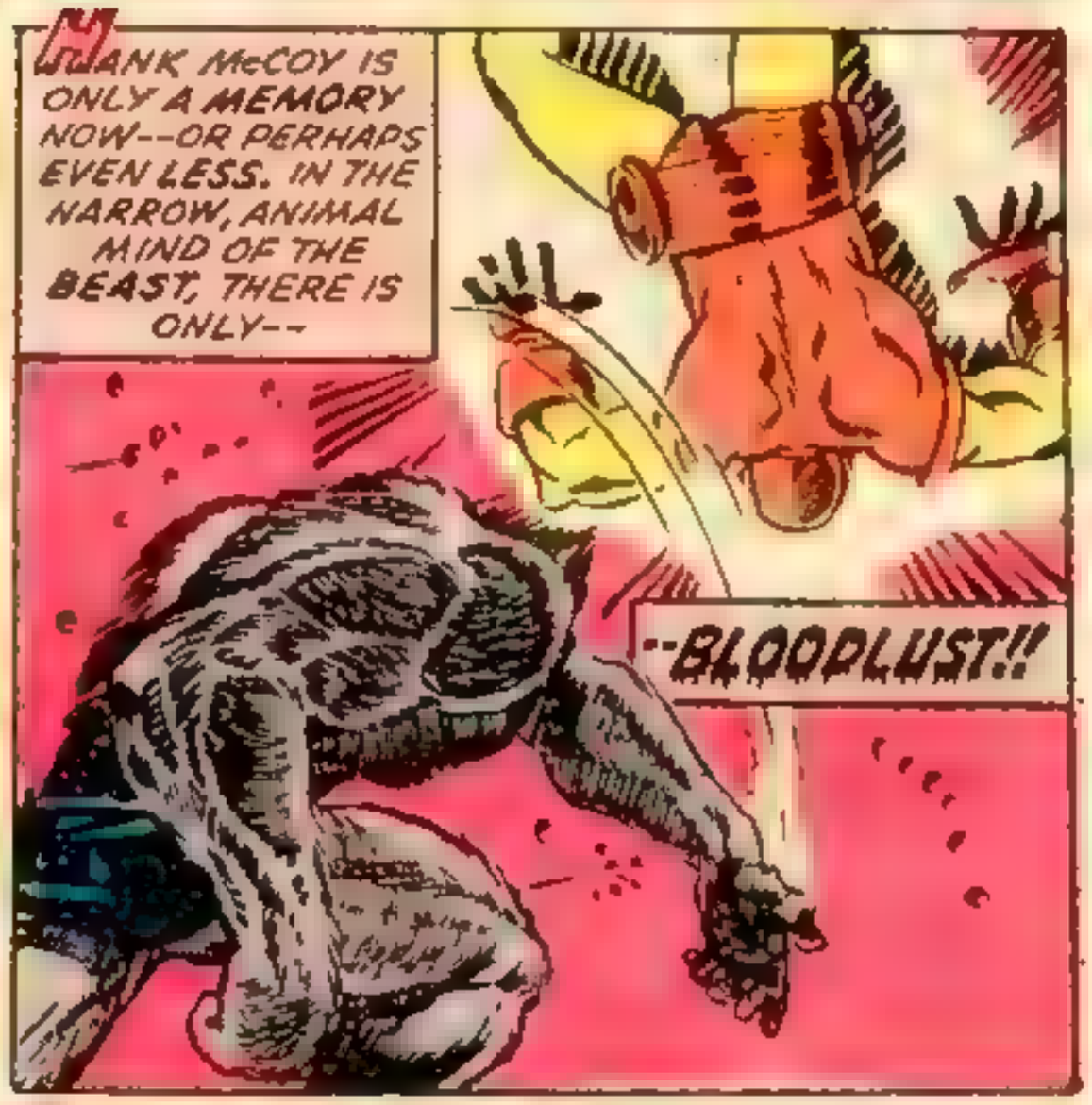

IN ANYONE--ANIMAL, MAN, OR IRON MAN--THE THROAT IS THE MOST VULNERABLE PART. WILD BEASTS ALWAYS LEAP FOR IT--
--AND I AM THE BEAST!

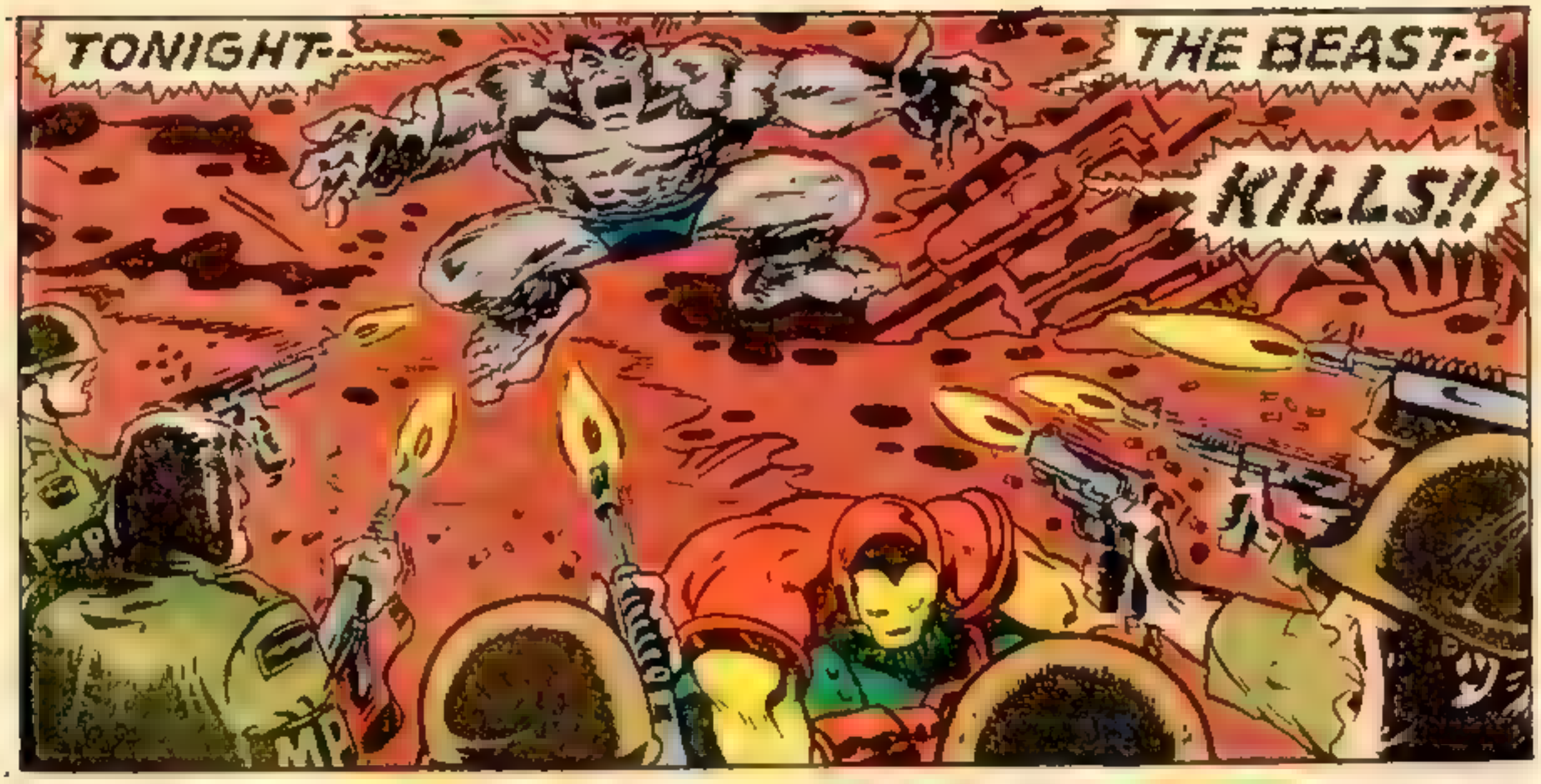

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO LOSE, VILLAIN?
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO LIE HELPLESS UNDER THE WEIGHT OF YOUR KILLER?
HOW DOES IT FEEL-- TO DIE?!

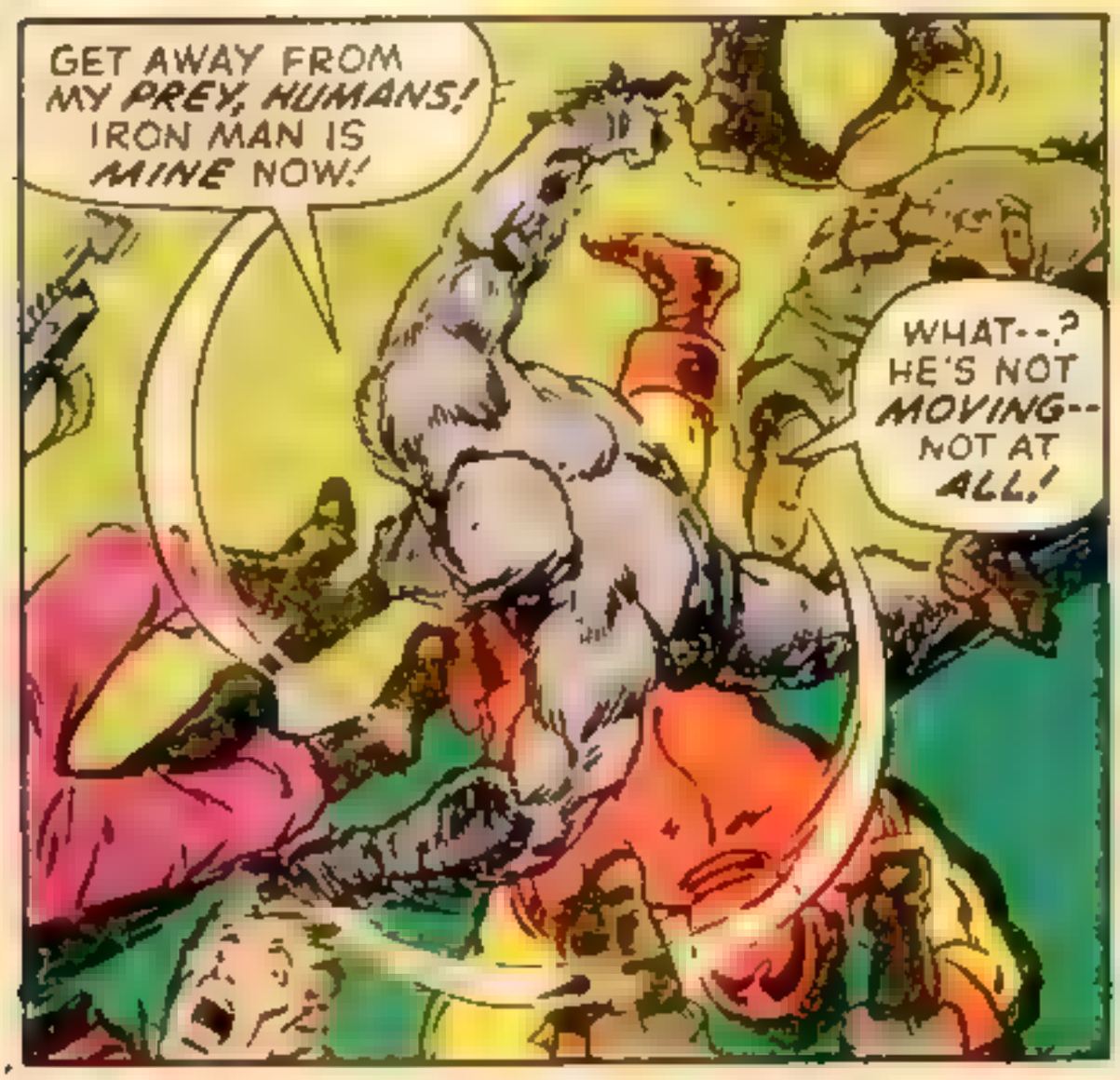
SHOOT ALL YOU WANT TO--MY BODY HEALS ALMOST INSTANTLY!
BUT I'LL GET YOU NEXT! I'LL KILL YOU ALL!

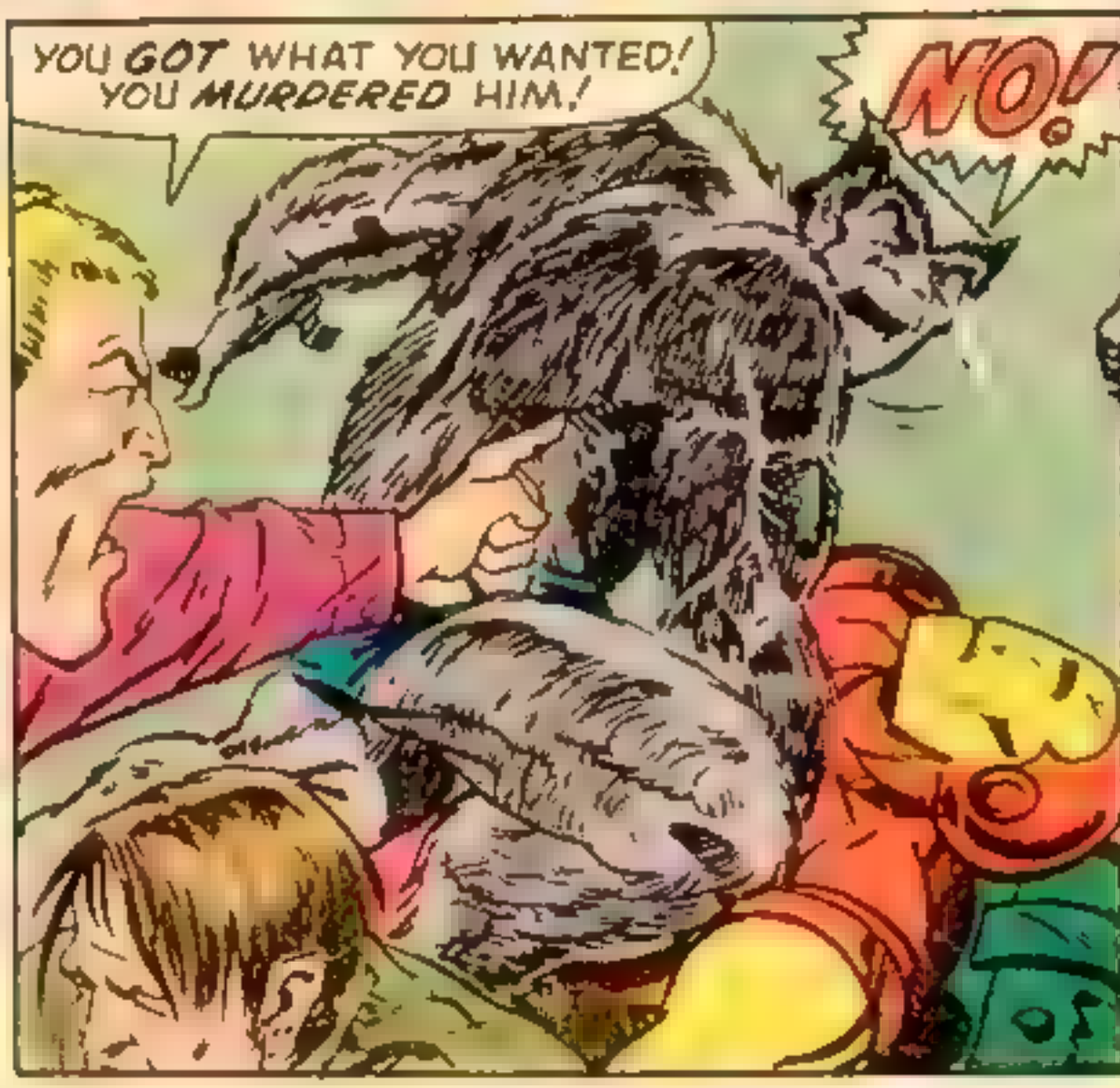

HANK McCOY IS ONLY A MEMORY NOW--OR PERHAPS EVEN LESS. IN THE NARROW, ANIMAL MIND OF THE BEAST, THERE IS ONLY--
--BLOODLUST!!

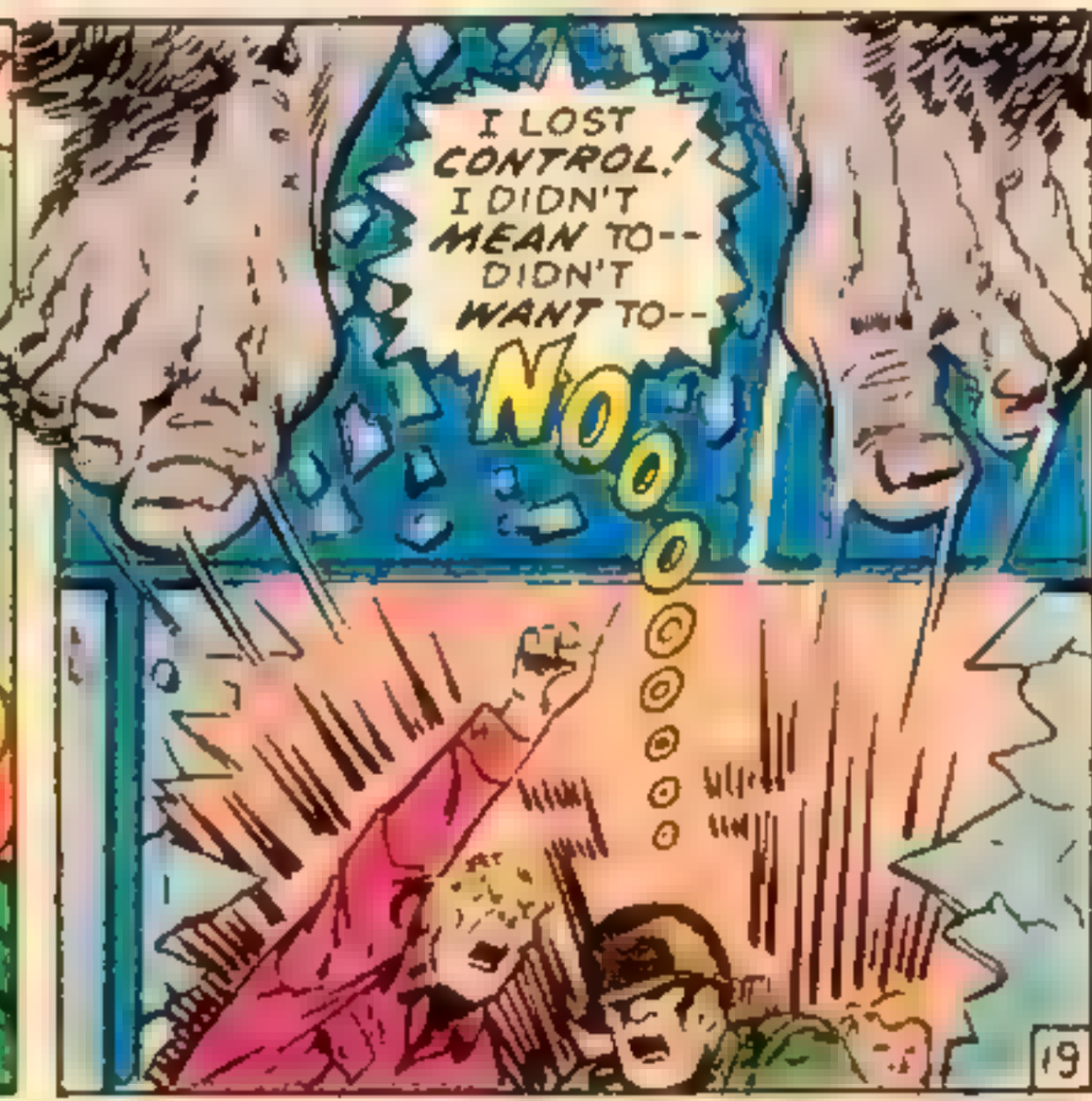
BEAST-- STOP IT... I--I BEG YOU...

BALEFUL YELLOW EYES STARE FIXEDLY. LIPS PULL BACK OVER DISTORTED GUMS--AND FROM THE DEPTHS OF A SAVAGE RED MAW COMES A SINGLE, UNUTTERABLY GUTTERAL SOUND...
NO!









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HAVE TO GET TO THE *WOODS!*

THE WOODS ARE *THICK--DARK!*

HUMANS CAN'T *CATCH* ME THERE--!

COOL AIR RUSHES PAST THE BEAST'S FACE--HE DOES NOT *FEEL* IT. BRANCHES CATCH AT HIM AS HE LANDS AMONG THE *TREES*--HE DOES NOT *NOTICE* THEM.

MOMENTS AGO, *MURDER* BOILED IN HIS BRAIN--NOW HE SEES ONLY *FLIGHT.*

THE LEAVES QUIVER...HE IS GONE.

--THE HECK *HAPPENED,* IRON MAN?

I--I REALLY DON'T *KNOW.*

JUST AS I SAW THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF *CONTROL,* HE SEEMED TO GO INTO A *TRANCE.*

HE STOOD THERE ALL *ALONE* FOR A FEW *SECONDS*--

--AND THEN HE RAN OFF, SCREAMING THAT HE'D *KILLED* ME!

HADN'T YOU BETTER GET *AFTER* HIM?

NO, I DON'T *THINK* SO. I'VE SHOVED MYSELF INTO A *LOT* OF PEOPLE'S LIVES OVER THE YEARS--MOSTLY *FRIENDS* OF MINE--

I'VE *LEARNED*--LATELY--THAT SIMPLE SUPER-DOINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS THE *ANSWER*--OR EVEN *AN* ANSWER.

I CAN WRECK *LIVES* WITH MY POWERS IF I'M NOT *CAREFUL.*

DURING THAT FIGHT, I SAW HIS *FACE* UP CLOSE--AND GOT A HINT OF WHAT'S *BEHIND* IT.

I SAW A SOUL IN *TORMENT*--AND I CAN'T PLAY *GOD* WITH *THAT*--

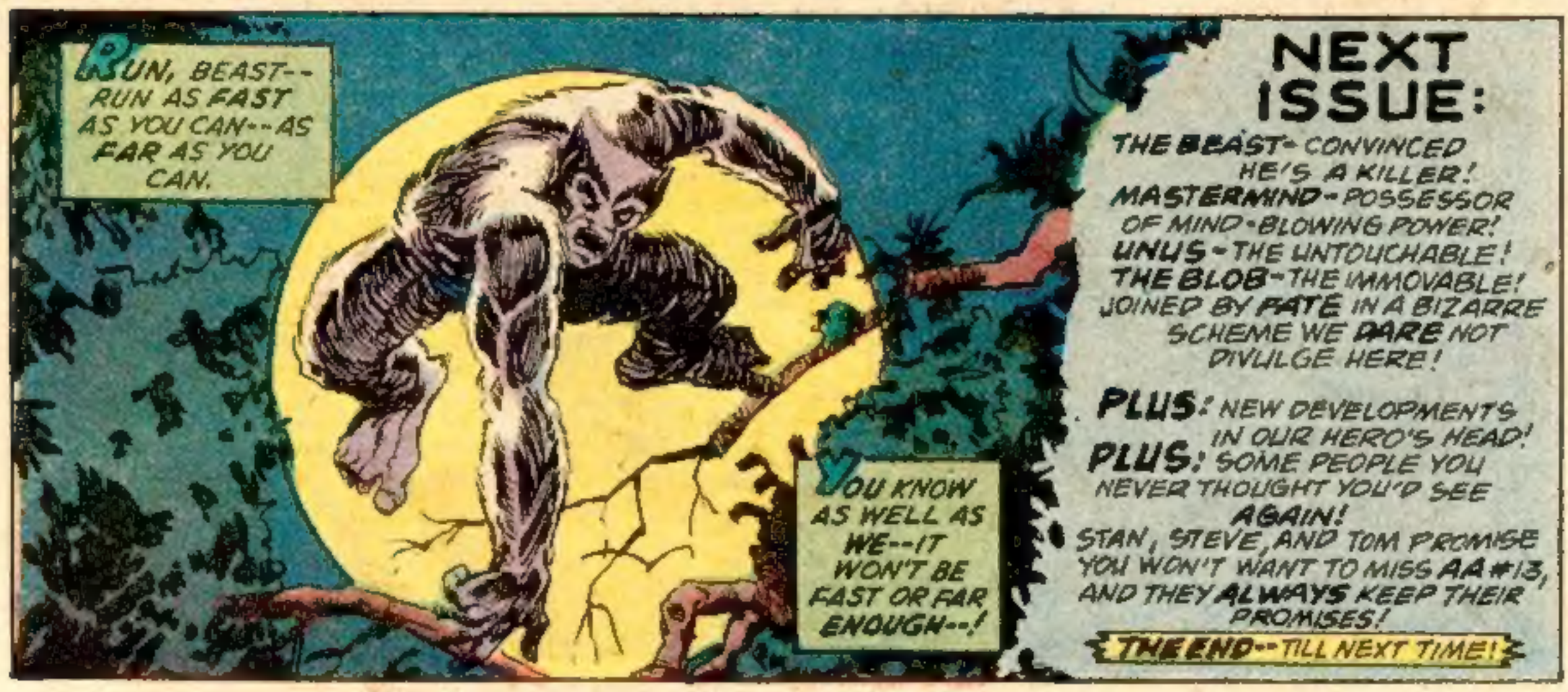
I WILL NOT *HOUND* THE BEAST. I HOPE--YOU CAN *UNDERSTAND* THAT.

UNDERSTAND? YES, THEY DO.
EVEN THE MOST SHALLOW OF THE ONLOOKERS CAN FEEL THE TRUTH OF IRON MAN'S WORDS--AND COMPREHEND THE NOBILITY OF A MAN WHO RECOGNIZES THE USES OF COMBAT--AND OF COMPASSION.
BRAND CORPORATION NO ADMITTANCE

BUT SOFT! THERE ARE OTHERS THIS NIGHT WHO DO NOT...
EASY--SO VERY, VERY EASY.

BUT I DON'T GET IT.
YOU WOULDN'T, UNUS. YOUR POWER, LIKE THAT OF THE BLOB, IS PURELY PHYSICAL, BUT THE POWER OF MASTERMIND LIES IN THE BRAIN!
THE BEAST TRULY BELIEVES HE IS A KILLER! DUE TO MY GIFT OF CREATING PERFECT ILLUSIONS. HE EXPERIENCED WHAT I WISHED HIM TO EXPERIENCE--
--AND HE CANNOT KNOW THAT WHAT HE JUST WENT THROUGH WAS UNREAL!*
BUT NOW THAT HE'S ON THE LAM--
*YOU GUESSED IT, TRUE BELIEVER! PAGES 18 & 19 HAPPENED ONLY IN THE BEAST'S MIND--AND YOURS! --STAN.

EXACTLY, BLOB! NOW HE WILL BE EAGER TO JOIN--
--THE NEW BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS!!


RUN, BEAST--RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN--AS FAR AS YOU CAN.
YOU KNOW AS WELL AS WE--IT WON'T BE FAST OR FAR ENOUGH--!
NEXT ISSUE:
THE BEAST--CONVINCED HE'S A KILLER!
MASTERMIND--POSSESSOR OF MIND-BLOWING POWER!
UNUS--THE UNTOUCHABLE!
THE BLOB--THE IMMOVABLE!
JOINED BY FATE IN A BIZARRE SCHEME WE DARE NOT DIVULGE HERE!
PLUS: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR HERO'S HEAD!
PLUS: SOME PEOPLE YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D SEE AGAIN!
STAN, STEVE, AND TOM PROMISE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS AA #13, AND THEY ALWAYS KEEP THEIR PROMISES!
THE END--TILL NEXT TIME!

NIFTY NOTES, NOSTALGIC NUANCES, AND NARCISSISTIC NAME-DROPPING, FEATURING NON-TOXIC NEWS OF THE NATION'S MOST NOTORIOUS NON-ENTITIES!

ITEM! 'Twould appear that comic-mags in general — and mixed-up Marvel in particular — are on the map at last! The famous NEW YORK CULTURAL CENTER recently held a critically-acclaimed exhibition of comic art — and guess which company's recent masterworks held down a strategic spot therein! We'll give you a hint: it wasn't Abercrombie and Fitch! Meanwhile, for those of you who missed the intellectual goings-on, Boston Book & Art Publishers has just issued a beautiful hardcover tome entitled *75 Years of the Comics* as a companion volume to the exhibit. And, just in case you wanna have some fun while you're waiting to see a copy, why not try guessing which pulsating pages of F.F. and X-MEN were chosen for repro in the tract! Have fun, pilgrim!

ITEM! Hello to Stalwart STEVE ENGLEHART, who's just joined our harried little staff, where he'll be doing proofreading, penciling, inking, scripting — and probably lettering, if somebody will lend him a spelling-book! Welcome aboard, Steve — may your inkwell never run dry!

MARVELOUS MINI-ITEMS! We give up! Due to a mountain (no lie!) of wildly favorable mail, we're unleashing the Indian avenger RED WOLF this month in his own many-splendored mag — with art once more by SYD (The Kid) SHORES! And if you think that special issue of MARVEL SPOTLIGHT was something — wait'll you see how Syd moves out in this one! • Jumbo JOHN VERPOORTEN, our jet-set production chief, just got back in harness after a well-earned rest in old California. (Some rest! From the postcards we got, he must've hit every tourist spa in the whole sun-splashed state!) Oh yes, and here's an aside to all you Marvel old-timers: Fabulous FLO STEINBERG says hi! • Hey, classic-counter, didja notice that our newest fulltime scripter, GERRY CONWAY, authored six full comic-mags this go-round? Welcome aboard, Ger — you're now as inundated with work and wonderment as even STAN and ROY! • Our peerless publisher, Merry MARTY GOODMAN, has been so happy about the reception you frantic ones have given our latest issues that he tossed an impromptu party for the whole blamed Bullpen at one of NYC's swingin'est eateries! Best part of the whole evening was that everybody had such a great time — nobody made a speech! • Remember our telling you about the annual Halloween Parade held in Rutland, Vermont? Well, this year there were so many Marvel heroes in attendance that they took up two floats, no less! Biggest kick for Rascally ROY THOMAS, who was garbed as our friendly neighborhood wall-crawler, was seeing one excited fan dressed up as a certain red-and-blue-clad superstar published by our Distinguished Competition — but jumping up and down ecstatically, yelling "SPIDER-MAN! SPIDER-MAN!" • That's it, people!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Let's try something different this month. Instead of me laying it on you with the usual panoply of punctilious phrases, we'll follow the old adage of a single picture being worth a thousand words — and if this picture doesn't fill the bill, may Forbush forgive me!

His name is LUKE CAGE — and being a HERO FOR HIRE is his thing! We've put it all together for you in the first sensational ish of our newest superhero mag, on sale right about now. I don't want you to think I'm hitting you with a lot of hard-sell, but as one Believer to another, even if it means foregoing Millie the Model this month, don't dare miss LUKE CAGE, HERO FOR HIRE! He's really somethin' else!

Excelsior!

Stan

MIGHTY MARVEL IS ON THE *MOVE* AGAIN!!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST
Now on Sale!

FANTASTIC FOUR #122: The wondrous wind-up! The Silver Surfer teams up with the F.F.! But how long can even they survive against the combined power of Gabriel — and Galactus?

SPIDER-MAN #108: Spidey fights his greatest battle — to save Flash Thompson from a sinister Death-Cult! And then — but see for yourself, pilgrim!

THOR #199: The legions of Pluto battle the hordes of Hela — for the soul of all-father Odin! And Thor must choose between them! Suspense without equal!

AVENGERS #99: Hawkeye returns to the fold! Hercules in torment! This one paves the way for perhaps the greatest hundredth issue of all!

HULK #151: They call it — the Crawling Unknown! And it's the one thing so loathsome — so mind-shattering — that even ol' Greenskin can't stop it!

CAPTAIN AMERICA and THE FALCON #149: Cap's long-awaited rematch with the blockbusting Batroc! And wait'll you learn the Leaper's new secret identity!

DAREDEVIL #87: DD and the Widow hit San Francisco! And nobody's minding the welcome wagon but — Electro! A titanic turning-point ish!

SUB-MARINER #49: This is it! The fearful finale to the three-way war between Namor, Modok, and a desperate Dr. Doom! More we gotta tell ya?

IRON MAN #46: The golden Avenger — implicated in murder! The attack of the superhero called the Guardsman! And then — death deals a hand! Don't miss it!

AMAZING ADVENTURES #12: The Beast is back — and Iron Man's after him! Plus — more secrets behind the mutant that walks like a man — and looks like a monster!

CONAN THE BARBARIAN #15: Conan and Elric — alone against the slashing swords of Chaos! Barry's artwork alone is worth the bread — and oh, that Moorcock/Thomas story!

MARVEL TEAM-UP #2: Spidey and the ever-torrid Human Torch mix it up again, when our way-out web-spinner joins — the Frightful Four! Shock city!

TOMB OF DRACULA #2: London! Midnight! Count Dracula stalks the city, in search of his purloined coffin — and death waits for any who stand in his way!

MARVEL PREMIERE #2: The man-god called Warlock — in cataclysmic combat with Rhodan and the Hounds of Helios! Names grab ya? So will the story, believer!

CREATURES ON THE LOOSE #17: Gullivar Jones, Warrior of Mars — facing the Spider-Swarm at the end of the River of Death! Far-out fantasy at its finest!

SGT. FURY #98: You asked for it — you demanded it — and now you've got it! Nick Fury's battlin' buddy leads his own attack squad — "Dum Dum's Deadly Dozen!"

RED WOLF #1: The masked avenger of the plains is back — with a vengeance! Whether you crave western action — or superhero thrills — you can dig it!

HERO FOR HIRE #1: This month's Soapbox says it all! But you'll say even more, after you step up and shake hands with — Luke Cage!

AMAZING MAILS

c/o MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 625 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

Holy Moley Peebles!

Goofs by the zillions—and even if it is the (maybe) last Inhuman effort, that's no excuse! For one thing . . . Splash page—stainless steel should have been to hold Gorgon—not Karnak! And deft hands belong to Karnak—not Gorgon . . . Hoo Boy! And I s'pose we'll never know what the "dreaded Trikon" is—'cause by the time we read AVENGERS #95 we find Joey back with Black Bolt—and no mention of that action on p. 6—or does the Trikon business belong to the Kree-Skrull mess? And if so—how does Joey get back to Black Bolt? Or don't you really care that you left us—uh—hanging—as it were . . . nope, guess not—OH! how heartless are the mighty! How . . . cruel! But . . . I suppose you could explain . . . if you cared to . . .

Ah well . . . let's hope ish #11 of AMAZING ADVENTURES brings us one of our ol' favorites—like mebby—The Silver Surfer or—perhaps—The Vision. OH yummy! yummy!

Paty, Walker Valley, N.Y.

Sorry, gal, but (as you well know by now) it's the bounding, bludgeoning Beast who's currently being featured in the pages of AMAZING. Still, there's plenty of the Silver Surfer to be seen of late in the pulsating pages of FANTASTIC FOUR—while ever more astounding events lie in store for the vengeful Vision in the AVENGERS mag.

As to that Trikon business: we've got a story coming up in the next few months that will straighten everything out and hopefully mollify your well-earned wrath! Have faith, huh—'cause patience is where it's at!

Dear Stan, Gerry, Mike and Frank (you too, Sam),

You are ending the infinite INHUMANS series in 10 excellent issues? I wasn't very upset over the end of BLACK WIDOW because she was in DD. When I read that note it almost made my stomach turn. How could this be? I hope you're not all going mad in the Bullpen!

Issue #10 was very good, like all issues previous to it. There was one thing I didn't get, and that was that in AVENGERS #95, page 11, panel 2, Triton restores Black Bolt's memory, but in AMAZING ADVENTURES #9, pg. 18, panel 1, "The forgetfulness given by Maximus and his Mind-Blast . . . suddenly shatters." This can't be. I'm expecting a no-prize any minute now unless someone's already beaten me to it. Yours until Medusa's hair turns out to be a wig! Make Mine Marvel!

R.F.O., K.O.F. (and possible T.T.B.)
Norman Mc Donald, 27 S. Cindyann Dr.
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We don't go into the slight discrepancies between the Inhumans sagas in the last couple of AMAZING's and the episode in AVENGERS #95—except to say that one of our more strong-willed artists was primarily at fault there. Just see our answer to Paty above—and relax, believer.

About the Black Widow, though: If you don't feel that her recent co-star status in DAREDEVIL is superior to most of her solo appearances in AMAZING, then you're probably a charter member of one of the smallest minority groups on record! Besides, Norm, you now get 21 pages per month of Madame Natasha chumming around with DD, while before you got only 10 pages of her every two months; what's more, genial Gene Colan—almost universally hailed as the best artist for the Widow, and we heartily concur—is now chronicling her amazing adventures in DD to boot! More you could ask for?

Dear Stan and the Gang,

It was a gray day in January of 1970 when I drove to the newsstand to pick up the last X-MEN book. Everybody in fandom had heard the series was ending, but it was nice of Roy to make a note of the fact in the letters page, to end the group's lives cleanly and intelligently. The X-Men . . . some call them a second-rate FF . . . but I always loved their air of mystery. The X-Men . . . play with the name for a while in your mind . . . tremendous.

Sure, they're back as reprints of their early adventures, but where are the merry mutants of today? Will there ever be further adventures of Scott and Jeanie, of Warren, of Bobby, Alex and Lorna, or of Hank, my favorite? C'mon, Marvel, let's see 'em again!

Mary McPherran, 90-42 52nd Ave.
Elmhurst, New York 11373

Gee, Mare, the world hasn't gone completely X-Men-less since that dismal winter's day. The Iceman popped up in SPIDEY #92, Havok and Lorna charged through HULK #150, and Angel did a three-parter in KA-ZAR and MARVEL TALES—and now there's your favorite, the bounding Beast, in a new strip all his own. We hope you — and all the other mutantophiles who kept reminding us of our responsibility — will rest easy and just enjoy.

Stainless Steve Englehart, Marvel's newest boy wonder, is a long-time Beast fan himself, and he plans to make sure the new Amazing Adventures lives up to everybody's expectations.

KNOW YE THESE, THE HALLOWED RANKS OF MARVELDOM:

R.F.O. (Real Frantic One)—A buyer of at least 3 Marvel mags a month.

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Q.N.S. (Quite 'Nuff Sayer) — A fortunate frantic one who's had a letter printed.

K.O.F. (Keeper Of the Flame) — One who recruits a newcomer to Marvel's rollickin' ranks.

P.M.M. (Permanent Marvelite Maximus) —Anyone possessing all four of the other titles.

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